

SOURCES FOR FOLK MUSIC INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Reporting Deadline is *May 1*.

On Line: Begin a Google search for *folk music*. There are thousands of entries to pique your curiosity. Narrow it to specifics (traditional, national, children's songs, rhythm and blues, cowboy, sacred, etc., etc.

Local public library: Have librarian check Inter-Library Loan within your area.

Church and school libraries

Yard sales, clearance bins, and thrift stores. Buy school music texts if you see them.

Check www.neflin.org/marilyn/folksongsurvey. This is a comprehensive study of what has happened to folk songs in schools in the United States. Check to see how your state's students rank in their knowledge of folk songs and standard children's songs. You won't be pleased, but we need to know so we can do something about it.

COLLECTIONS WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND THE PRINTED MUSIC

The American Songbag by Carl Sandburg is a marvelous source book, still available; 280 "songs, ballads, and ditties that people have sung in the making of America." Published 1927; 1990 edition has foreword by Garrison Keillor. Published by Harcourt; price about \$25. (Yes, this is THE Carl Sandburg.)

Golden Encyclopedia of Folk Music (HL00359905). This Hal Leonard publication has a mix of 183 songs arranged by categories. \$19.95

The following are out of print, but remember the titles in case you see a copy.

The Fireside Book of Folk Songs selected/edited by Margaret Bradford Boni, published by Simon and Schuster in 1947. Out of print for years, with used copies selling for BIG prices on line. Keep on the lookout for a copy. Beautifully illustrated, songs well arranged by Norman Lloyd, and there is a wealth of background information.

Best Loved Songs of the American People by Denes Agay, published by Double day in 1975. 400 pages, 200 songs from "Yankee Doodle" to "The Impossible Dream." It is out of print, but I recently ordered a copy for \$25 from Barnes and Noble used books section.

THESE WORK WELL FOR SING-ALONG SESSIONS

TMF0113 *All-American Song Book*; \$9.95; Alfred/Warner Bros.

CN0027 *Mitch Miller Community Song Book*; \$9.95; (includes "God Bless America"); W. Bros.

Get American Singing . . . Again! Hal Leonard. See titles at www.menc.org. (Use that site's Search to Get America Singing Again.) Note: the Piano/Vocal/Guitar edition has the melody line with lyrics, plus piano accompaniment. The Singer's edition has lyrics and melody line with chord symbols but no written accompaniment. Each song has a short music introduction.

09970015 Volume I Piano/Vocal/Guitar; \$16.95

09970016 Volume I Singer's edition; \$3.95 09970017 Singer's edition 10-pack; \$34.95

09970166 Volume 2 Piano/Vocal/Guitar; \$19.95

09970167 Volume 2 Singer's edition; \$3.95 09970168 Singer's edition 10-pack; \$34.95

There are other good collections available. Check with your music store for suggestions. Don't hesitate to use *The Gray Book of Favorite Songs*, *The Golden Book of Favorite Songs*, Rotary song books, Kiwanis song books, 4-H song books, scout song books, campfire song books etc., etc

Do not hesitate to contact Folk Music Chairman *Naomi Sanchez* with questions and/or suggestions!

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