



Ukulele: Resources for the Beginner

Materials Available at the Library

Ukuleles with tuners are available for checkout from the library. Search the library catalog for "ukulele" or ask a staff member for assistance. Anyone with a valid NWRLS library card may borrow a ukulele. The loan period is 3 weeks. Ukuleles may be borrowed from and returned to any NWRLS library location.

Print Books

- *The Daily Ukulele: 365 Songs for Better Living* (2010) - 787.8 DAI
- *First 50 Songs You Should Play on Ukulele* (2015) - 787.8 FIR
- *Ukulele Favorites for Dummies* (2014) – 787.8 UKU
- *Ukulele for Dummies* (2015) - 787.8 WOO

Ebooks at <https://nwrls.overdrive.com/>

- *Ukulele for Dummies*
- *Hal Leonard Ukulele Method, Book 1*

Online Resources

Chord Charts

- Student Ukulele Chord Chart, <http://www.ukalady.com/Images/UkeChart.pdf>
- Ukulele Chord Chart for Absolute Beginners, <http://www.learntouke.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Ukulele-Chord-Chart-for-Absolute-Beginners-from-Learn-To-Uke1.pdf>
- Left-handed Ukulele Chord Chart for Absolute Beginners, <http://www.learntouke.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Left-Handed-Ukulele-Chord-Chart-for-Absolute-Beginners-from-Learn-To-Uke1.pdf>

Free Song Websites (with ukulele chords)

- Bruce Watson, <http://www.brucewatsonmusic.com/uke.html>
- Dr. Uke, <http://www.doctoruke.com/songs.html>
- Richard G's Ukulele Songbook, <http://www.scorpexuke.com/ukulele-songs.html>
- San Jose Ukulele Club, http://sanjoseukeclub.org/song_book.html
- Vermont Ukulele Society, <http://vtukes.webs.com/repertoire.htm>
- Ukulele Boogaloo, <http://www.alligatorboogaloo.com/uke/tabs.html>

If there is a specific song you want to find, simply Google the title of your song with the words "ukulele chords."



Video Tutorials

A quick Google search will easily find you thousands of ukulele tutorials. The ones below are just a few that are great for beginners and are completely free. You'll notice that there are different ways to strum the ukulele; some players use their index finger, some use their thumb, and some people prefer using a pick. Whichever you prefer is fine. Just play and have fun!

- Learn to play the ukulele in 5 minutes - Take it out of the box, tune it, learn to strum, and play some basic chords, <http://ukuleleunderground.com/lessons/learn-to-play-the-ukulele-in-5-minutes/> (Chords: C, F, G7)
- Easy Ukulele for Beginners: Lesson 1, <https://youtu.be/d78xyol87iE> (Chords: C, Am, F)
- Easy Ukulele for Beginners: Lesson 2 Your First Strum, https://youtu.be/0_d0qv-uZ1g
- Easy Ukulele for Beginners: Lesson 3 Your First Chord Progression, <https://youtu.be/Y75A9jQ6mtM> (Chords: C, Am, F)
- Easy Ukulele Songs: "Twist and Shout," <https://youtu.be/O2cKtv09ozE?list=PL9D63E589FD1B4F7F> (Chords: C, F, G7)
- Ukulele Mike: "You Are My Sunshine," <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnA3T8uuuoY> (Chords in this song: C, C7, F, G7)
- Ukulele Mike: "Octopus' Garden", <https://youtu.be/dTMW1HvbVQA> (Chords in this song: C, Am, F, G7)

Area Ukulele Groups

Ukulele players tend to be a friendly bunch of people! If you are interested in playing with like-minded ukulele lovers contact a local group. Practice locations tend to change, so it is recommended that you contact the group to confirm.

- Ukulele Social Club (Panama City)
Meets at the Bay County Public Library on the first Saturday of the month from 10 – 11:30 AM Central. Beginners are always welcome! Call for more information, 850-522-2109.
- Tallahassee Uke Jammers (Tallahassee)
<http://www.facebook.com/tallahassee-uke-jammers-347759911911583>
- Ukulele Orchestra of the Forgotten Coast (Port St. Joe)
Meets every Tuesday at 10 AM Eastern
First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall
1001 Constitution Drive, Port St. Joe
- Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews (Panama City)
Practices most Wednesday from 6-8 PM Central
See Facebook Page for location.
<https://www.facebook.com/ukes.standrews1/>