Making Noise:
Sounds of the Civil Rights Movement in the Music Library
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Reparative musicology aims to repair damage inflicted by broken systems in the world through local means by demonstrating genuine interpersonal care in scholarly interactions.
Is it possible that people who work with music for a living can lead by example in agendas of interpersonal care and communication?
Listening in Librarianship

- reference
- collections development
- metadata creation
Student Demographics at Dartmouth

1769
• 100% white
• 100% male

1972
• 89% white
• 89% male

2015
• 49% white
• 51% male
Black Lives Matter Mission:

“We’ve committed to struggling together and to imagining and creating a world free of anti-Blackness, where every Black person has the social, economic, and political power to thrive.”
Black Lives Matter Protest, Dartmouth Main Library


1) Tension between opposing political groups on college campuses is often played out in silence by those on the side of the status quo.

2) Resistance to the ways in which institutions oppress marginalized peoples often plays out in the form of loud, “disruptive” statements.
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“… great stumbling block in the stride toward [racial] freedom is not the White Citizen’s Council-er or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate who is more devoted to “order” than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says “I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I can’t agree with your methods of direct action…”

Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., Letter from a Birmingham Jail, 1963
Mission

“In our daily work, we adhere to the principles of fairness and equality, and we believe that each user of the Library is unique and important.”
SING INS!

A SING-ALONG OF CIVIL RIGHTS MUSIC

WHEN: EVERY FRIDAY IN JANUARY, 5-6PM IN THE MUSIC LIBRARY
AND: MLK DAY, JANUARY 16TH 1-2:30PM IN BRAICE COMMONS

TAUGHT BY TYNÉ FREEMAN

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“Music, it’s said, has the ability to unite people from different walks of life. A common song can prompt new connections, and perhaps new levels of understanding.”
“The very notion that shared, consolidated community resources ought to exist is not a neutral proposition. A library as an institution represents a decision about how a community spends its resources, and those decisions are not neutral. Decisions like how much funding a library gets, who should have access to a library, and even where the library is located are not neutral decisions.”

– Chris Bourg, Director, MIT Libraries
“It is not possible to have justice without healing the body that has experienced injustice. And it is not possible to heal without transforming this unjust system… We need to develop a new language, a language that centers healing and restoration.” – Patrisse Cullors
References


