

OLDIES NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

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HOW DO YOU SAY THAT IN OLDIES?

Tens of thousands of popular songs have made it to the Billboard Hot 100 chart over the past half-century, but only a few dozen of them were sung in languages other than English. At the next Oldies Night @ The Library you can hear many of them.

Kyu Sakamoto scored a #1 hit in America with "Sukiyaki," a song sung entirely in Japanese. A few years later the Singing Nun topped the chart with "Dominique," sung in French. Domenico Modugno achieved that level of success with an Italian song, "Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu," better known as "Volare". Most foreign language songs have not fared so well.

Sergio Mendes and Brasil '66 recorded some songs in Portuguese, some in English, and some in a combination of the two languages. "Mas Que Nada," their first hit single, peaked at #47. The Beatles scored a couple of minor hits in German. Mocedades had a hit in Spanish with "Eres Tu".

Some artists recorded their hits in a variety of languages for different markets. Mary Hopkin, best known for "Those Were the Days," recorded an entire album in Welsh. Abba recorded in a half-dozen languages. "Zabadak," by the British group Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick, and Tich, was sung in a made-up language.

These songs and a few dozen others will be featured Friday night, March 5, at Oldies Night. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. In the Albee Room of the Milton-Freewater Public Library. Admission is free. Bring your own interpreter.