

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Collier Library in the field of **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**. The various types of library materials useful in research are described along with some examples of each type. This guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific needs.

BASIC INTRODUCTION OR OVERVIEW MATERIAL can be found in:

Horton, James Oliver and Lois E. Horton. **Hard Road to Freedom: The Story of African America.** 2001.

E 185 .H643 2001

Franklin, John Hope and Alfred A. Moss, Jr. **From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans.** 2000.

E 185 .F8266 2000

To Make Our World Anew: A History of African Americans. 2000.

E 185 .T68 2000

Conniff, Michael L. **Africans in the Americas: A History of the Black Diaspora.** 1994.

E 29 .N3 C68 1994

BOOKS ABOUT **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY** can be located by using some of the following SUBJECT HEADINGS that appear in UNACAT, a computerized catalog of library holdings.

AFRICAN AMERICANS
AFRICAN AMERICANS BIOGRAPHY
AFRICAN AMERICANS HISTORY
AFRO-AMERICANS
AFRO-AMERICANS BIOGRAPHY
AFRO-AMERICANS HISTORY

OTHER SUBJECT HEADINGS can be identified by using:

Library of Congress Subject Headings
(latest edition located on stand in Reference)

BROWSING the following CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles:

Library of Congress

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REFERENCE TOOLS which may be useful in regard to **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY** and that may be found in the Reference Room include:

LITERATURE GUIDES – may provide an evaluative discussion of the methods and materials for doing research in a selected area.

Slavens, Thomas P. **Sources of Information for Historical Research.** 1994.
Ref Z 6201 .S64 1994

Murray, Paul T. **The Civil Rights Movement: References and Resources.** 1993.
Ref Z 1361 .N39 M93 1993

Black American Families, 1965-1984: A Classified, Selectively Annotated Bibliography. 1986.
Ref Z 1361 .N39 B5 1986

Newman, Debra L. **Black History: A Guide to Civilian Records in the National Archives.** 1984.
Ref Z 1361 .N39 N576 1984

Blacks in America: Bibliographical Essays. 1971.
Ref Z 1361 .N39 B56

BIBLIOGRAPHIES – list books, periodical articles, and/or other materials by subject or by author.

The American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature. 2 vols. 1995.
Ref 6201 .A55 1995

Davis, Lenwood G. **The Black Family in the United States: A Revised, Updated, Selectively Annotated Bibliography.** 1986.
Ref Z 1361 .N39 D355 1986

Afro-American Life, History, and Culture. 1985.
Ref Z 1361 .N39 A4

Afro-American Reference: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Resources. 1985.
Ref Z 1361 .N39 D37 1985

Davis, Lenwood G. **Blacks in the American Armed Forces 1776-1983: A Bibliography.** 1985.
Ref Z 1249 .M5 D38 1985

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES - provide brief definitions or concise overviews of a topic, often followed by lists of further references.

African American History and Culture. (online encyclopedia)

Access: <http://www2.una.edu/library/databasesA.htm>

Africana: The Encyclopedia of the African and African American Experience. 1999.

Ref DT 14 .A37435 1999

Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery. 1997.

Ref E 441 .D53 1997

Encyclopedia of African-American Heritage. 1997. (electronic book)

Access through UNACAT

Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History. 5 vols. 1996.

Ref E 185 .E54 1996

Black Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia. 2 vols. 1993.

Ref E 185.86 .B542

Encyclopedia of African-American Civil Rights: From Emancipation to the Present. 1992.

Ref E 185.61 .E54 1992

DIRECTORIES – contain names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons, organizations, and institutions.

African American Information Directory, 1998-99. 1998.

Ref E 185 .A47 1998

Bunkley, Crawford B. **The African American Network: Get Connected to More Than 5,000 Prominent People and Organizations in the African American Community.** 1996.

Ref E 185.86 .B86 1996

The Black Resource Guide. 1986.

Ref E 185.5 .B568 1986

ALMANACS OR STATISTICAL SOURCES – provide miscellaneous bits of facts and data.

Black Americans: A Statistical Sourcebook. 1999.

Ref E 185.86 .B52 1999

Cramer, Clayton E. **Black Demographic Data, 1790-1860: A Sourcebook.**

Ref E 185.18 .C73 1997

Historical Statistics of Black America. 2 vols. 1995.
Ref E 185 .H543 1995

Black Firsts: 2,000 Years of Extraordinary Achievement. 1994.
Ref E 185 .B574

Statistical Record of Black America. 1990.
Ref E 185.5 S7

HANDBOOKS AND MANUALS – cover broad subjects in a brief, concise manner and may include odd bits of information about a variety of topics. They may also be referred to as companions or compendia.

The New York Public Library African American Desk Reference. 1999.
Ref E 185 .N49

Cantor, George. **Historic Landmarks of Black America.** 1991.
Ref E 185.53 .A1 C36

BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES – contain articles about the lives and works of various individuals.

American National Biography. (online database)
Access: <http://www2.una.edu/library/databasesA.htm>

Biography Resource Center. (online database)
Access: <http://www2.una.edu/library/databasesB.htm>

Black Heroes of the 20th Century. 1998.
Ref E 185.96 .B5337

African American Women: A Biographical Dictionary. 1993.
Ref E 185.96 A45 1993

Hawkins, Walter L. **African American Biographies: Profiles of 558 Current Men and Women.** 1992.
Ref E 185.96 .H38 1992

Dictionary of American Biography. 30 vols. 1928-1944.
Ref E 176 .D562

SOURCEBOOKS - usually contain excerpts or reprints of major documents and other source material relating to the subject of study, with or without accompany text.

Autobiography of a People: Three Centuries of African American History Told by Those Who Lived It. 2000.
E 185 .A97

I Was Born a Slave: An Anthology of Classic Slave Narratives. 2 vols. 1999.
E 444 .I18

In Search of Democracy: The NAACP Writings of James Weldon Johnson, Walter White, and Roy Wilkins (1920-1977). 1999.
E 185.61 .I513 1999

Lift Every Voice: African American Oratory 1787-1900. 1998. (electronic book)
Access through UNACAT

Documentary History of the Modern Civil Rights Movement. 1992.
Ref E 185.61 .D64 1992

Ducas, George. **Great Documents in Black American History.** 1970.
E 184.6 .D83 1970

Frazier, Thomas R. **Afro-American History: Primary Sources.** 1970.
E 184.6 .F7

ATLASES - a collection of maps bound together in one volume, with or without accompanying text. Atlases may be contemporary or historical.

Earle, Jonathan. **Routledge Atlas of African American History.** 2000.
Ref E 185 .E125 2000

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS – are primarily annual reports, studies, and statistics from the various departments and agencies of government.

Library of Congress. **The African-American Mosaic: A Library of Congress Resource Guide for the Study of Black History and Culture.** 1994.
Gov Doc LC 1.6/4:AF 8

Black Americans: A Profile. 1993.
Gov Doc C 3.205/8:93-2

Bennett, Claudette E. **We the American--: Blacks.** 1993.
Gov Doc C 3.2:AM 3/14

INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS that will help locate PERIODICAL ARTICLES and other papers in **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY** are:

America: History and Life (online index)
Academic Search Elite (fulltext online database)
Expanded Academic ASAP (fulltext online database)
ProQuest Research Library Complete (fulltext online database)

A few frequently used PERIODICALS in **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY** are:

American Historical Review
American Visions (online)
Black Issues Book Review (online)

Crisis (online)
Journal of American History (online)
Journal of Black Studies (online)
Journal of Negro History (online)

PERIODICALS held by the library can be identified in the PERIODICALS HOLDINGS database on the library website at www2.una.edu/library or in UNACAT and found in the PERIODICALS ROOM on the ground floor.

COMPUTERIZED SEARCHING – The library offers computer searches of various databases. Inquire at the Information Desk for additional information.

INTERNET – For subject listings of Internet resources, see the Collier Library Web Page at: www2.una.edu/library/

- Internet Resources Collection
 - American History
 - African American History

See also **Internet & Web Yellow Pages**. (annual)
Ref Desk

INTERLIBRARY LOAN – It is possible to borrow books or obtain copies of articles from other libraries if the material is unavailable locally. Inquire at the Information Desk or consult the library's web site for policy information and request forms at: www2.una.edu/library/illindex.htm

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