AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES:
A Selected List of Library Resources

The materials listed below have been selected to give you an idea of the range of resources available to you in the Library. If you find that your particular research topic is not adequately covered by the resources listed below, consult a reference librarian at the Information Desk (1st floor).

### Indexes to Magazine, Journal and Newspaper Articles

**Index to Black Periodicals, 1984 to 1994**
(previous title: *Index to Periodical Articles By and About Blacks, 1973-1983*) -- Reference AI 3 .O4

**Black Studies Ondisc, 1988-1995** (consists of Index to Black Periodicals plus the catalog of the Schomberg Center for Research in Black Culture) – available via the Library Homepage

**Ethnic Newswatch**, a full-text database of ethnic and minority newspapers from the early 1990s to the present.

### Historical Resources

**In Black and White**: a guide to magazine articles, newspaper articles, and books concerning more than 15,000 Black individuals and groups (2 v.) -- Reference Z 1361 .N39 S655.

**Africa**: a biography of the continent -- Browsing DT 20 .R43 1998


**Black History & Achievement in America**: an overview of the Black struggle, its heroes and heroines -- Main Library E 185 .S895 1982 -- An overview of Afro-American history, emphasizing the struggles of black Americans to achieve full citizenship and overcome discrimination as well as their contributions in science, the arts, politics, sports, and other fields.


**Historical guide to world slavery** -- Ref. HT 861 .H59 1998

### Biographical Resources Specific to Black Biography

**African American Almanac (6th ed.)** -- Information Desk E 185.5 .N34 6th


African American women: a biographical dictionary -- Reference E 185.96 .A45 1993


Black women in America: an historical encyclopedia -- Reference E185.86 .B542 1993


Who's Who Among African Americans -- Reference E 185.96 .W52 (bi-ennial; most recent volume in Reference, older issues in the general collection) -- 15,000 entries; indexes by geographical location and occupation.


Free At Last: a bibliography of Martin Luther King Jr. (William Harvey Fisher, 1977) -- Ref. and Main Z 8464.44 .F57.

Martin Luther King, Jr.: an annotated bibliography (Sherman E. Pyatt, 1986) -- Reference Z8464.44 .P9 1986.


**General Biography Resources**

Biography and Genealogy Master Index -- available via CD-ROM Network and in print (latest years in Reference, earlier years in general collections at Z5305 .U5 B56)-- Check this multi-volume, regularly supplemented set first, especially if you don't know anything more about the person than their name; consists of citations to more than 6 million biographical sketches appearing in more than 500 current and retrospective biographical dictionaries.

Biography Index -- Reference Z 5301 .B5 (1946 to the present) -- An index to biographies appearing in books and magazines; includes references to obituaries, collections of letters, diaries, memoirs and bibliographies; probably the second best place to begin your research, after the title above.

Current Biography -- Reference CT 100 .C8 (1940 to the present) -- Brief, objective, documented articles about living leaders in all fields of human accomplishment the world over; included obituaries for persons previously covered; 11 monthly issues cumulate into hardcover annual volumes (alphabetical), with cumulated indexes by name, profession; selected citations to magazine and newspaper articles for each biographee.

The New York Times Biographical Service -- Reference CT 120 .C8 (1982 to the present) -- Monthly, looseleaf reprints of articles from the New York Times; arranged in chronological order with an alphabetical index on inside front cover of each monthly issue.

**Specific Literary Resources**


The Afro-American Short Story: a comprehensive, annotated index with selected commentaries (Preston M. Yancy -- Ref. PS153 .N5 Y3 1986


The Schomburg Center guide to black literature : from the eighteenth century to the present – Ref. PN 841 V36


General Literary Resources


Contemporary Authors -- Available library homepage and in print at Reference Z1224 .C59.

Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC) -- Ref. PN 771 .C59 (ongoing, multi-volume series).


Access to Information via LUIS

Within LUIS –Library Catalog, access is available through standard lists of subject headings. LUIS uses the main subject headings, Afro-American or Afro-Americans. You can also use keyword searching to pick up materials not easily accessible via subject searching. When doing keyword searches, avoid using hyphens, apostrophes and other punctuation. Even though afro-american is commonly hyphenated and will show up on LUIS Record screens as hyphenated, if you are entering the searches below, you must type: afro american or afro americans. However, punctuation is acceptable in author, title, and subject searches; and you do need to type the two hyphens appearing between a main subject heading and a subheading (afro americans-- southern states). Here are some sample LUIS subject headings:
Afro-American Actresses
Afro-American Art
Afro-American Athletes
Afro-American Authors
Afro-American Composers
Afro-American Entertainers
Afro-American Inventors
Afro-American Women
Afro-Americans--Biography
Afro-Americans--Civil Rights
Afro-Americans--Dictionaries
Afro-Americans--Health
Afro-Americans--History
Afro-Americans--Migrations
Afro-Americans--Politics
Afro-Americans--Race Relations
Afro-Americans--Southern States
Afro-Americans--20th Century
Afro-Americans in Business
Afro-Americans in Medicine
American Fiction--Afro American Authors
American Literature—Afro American Authors
Short Stories American—Afro American
American Poetry—Afro American Authors
Black Muslims
Black Nationalism
Reconstruction
Slavery--United States
Slaves
Unites States--Race Relations

Note: for works on Black people outside the U.S., use the heading BLACK

Note: remember to use truncation in your keyword searches:

Example: afr? adj america?

This will pick up older items with “Afro-American” in the title or newer items with “African-American.”

Selected Periodical Titles

You should always check LUIS to ascertain exact holdings of the titles listed below:

African American Review (continues Black American Literature Forum)
American Visions
Black Enterprise
Black Scholar
Callaloo
The Crisis
Ebony
Essence
Jet
Journal of Black Psychology
Journal of Black Studies
Journal of Blacks in Higher Education
The Journal of Negro History
Negro History Bulletin
Phylon
The Western Journal of Black Studies

Feel free to ask the reference librarian at the Information Desk (1st floor) for assistance in using these or any other library resources.

Library Instruction & Orientation
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