

Research Guides



BLACK HISTORY

ADULT REFERENCE – 1ST FLOOR

The African American Almanac – R 305.896 Afr

A thorough overview of African American history via 29 broad subject headings.

Civil Rights in the United States – R 323.4 Civ

The people and events in U.S. civil rights, from the 1790 Naturalization Law to the present.

International Dictionary of Black Composers – R 780.92 Int

Lives and works for 185 musicians and composers. Includes discographies.

African American Lives – R 920.0092 Afr

More than 600 biographies of 1,000 – 3,000 words covering 500 years of Blacks in North America. Includes hundreds of illustrations and photos.

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Slavery by Another Name – 305.896 Bla

The re-enslavement of African Americans from the Civil War to World War II.

A Pictorial History of Black Americans – 305.896 Hug

Portrays a crucial but long-neglected part of America's past and soon became a standard work on black history.

The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement – 305.896 Mor

Black communities organize for change.

Voices of Freedom – 305.896 Voi

Features nearly one thousand interviews with civil rights activists, politicians, reporters, Justice Department officials, and hundreds of ordinary people who took part in the struggle.

Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? – 323.119 Kin

King lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education

Carry Me Home – 323.4 McW

Chronicles the peak of the civil rights movement, focusing on the African American freedom fighters who stood firm on issues of civil rights and segregation during the movement's eventful climax in Birmingham.

Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-63 – 973.92 Bra

Mingles biography and history as it moves from the founding in 1867 of the First Baptist Church in Alabama, where King's movement took hold, to John Kennedy's assassination.

At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years, 1965-68 – 973.92 Bra

A final installment of the author's history of the civil rights movement chronicling Dr. King's final years.

DVDS – 2ND FLOOR

Martin Luther King: DVD 323.092 Mar

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African-American Lives: DVD 920.0092 Afr

American Experience: Freedom Riders: DVD 323.119 Fre

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WEB SITES

About.com's African-American History: Multi-linked and organized, this site is a rich source for Black history. <http://afroamhistory.about.com>

Library of Congress Digital Collections – African American History: A Library of Congress collection for the study of Black history and culture. <https://bit.ly/2zBB0st>

Infoplease's Black History Month: Many excellent links, timelines, encyclopedias and more. www.infoplease.com/black-history-month

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture: This website for the museum allows you to explore their exhibitions and search their collections. <http://nmaahc.si.edu>

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