

Subject Guide to African-American and African Studies

Browsing the African-American and African Studies Collection

The call numbers for African-American history and African history are listed below. Specific subjects such as African art or literature are normally shelved with other books on art or literature. Please consult the online catalog when looking for a book on a specific topic or person.

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Selected Reference Books

African-American – General Information

- 📖 **African-American Almanac** [E185 .N385 year Ready Ref] – offers general overviews of history and culture, from African-American Firsts to the military. Also includes important historical documents and speeches.
- 📖 **Black Firsts: 4,000 Ground Breaking & Pioneering Historical Events** [E185 .B574 2003 Ref] – covers the significant achievements of blacks throughout the world.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of African American Business** [HD2358.5 .U6 E53 2006 Ref 2 vols.] – highlights African American businesses and entrepreneurs in the United States

African-American – Biography

- 📖 **African-American Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs** [HC102.5 .A2 K73 2004 Ref] – contains biographies of lesser known African-American leaders from colonial times to the present.
- 📖 **African-American Dramatists: An A to Z Guide** [PS338 .N4 2004 Ref] – references notable playwrights.
- 📖 **African-American Lives** [E185.96 .A446 2004 Ref] – contains biographies of African-Americans that have made significant contributions to American culture and history.
- 📖 **Black Women in America** [E185.86 .B542 2005 Ref, 3 vols.] – biographical entries of notable Black women
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of African American Business** [HD2358.5 .U6 E53 2006 Ref 2 vols.] – highlights African American businesses and entrepreneurs in the United States.
- 📖 **Notable Black American Men** [E185.96 .N68 1992 Ref Index Table 3, 1 vol.] – contains narrative essays and biographies of 500 African American men.
- 📖 **Notable Black American Women** [E185.96 .N68 1992 Ref Index Table 3, 3 vols.] – contain narrative biographical essays and biographies of African American women.

African-American – History – Civil Rights

- 📖 **Civil Rights in the United States** [E184 .A1 C47 2000 Ref] - This 2-volume work examines the efforts of our diverse nation to secure civil rights for all its people including African-Americans, Native-Americans, Chicanos, women, and numerous others.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of African American Civil Rights** [E185.61 .E54 1992 Ref] - covers a wide array of events, legislation, court decisions, cultural achievements, speeches, organizations, and personalities that have contributed to the cause of African-American civil rights
- 📖 **On the Road to Freedom: A Guided Tour of the Civil Rights Trail** [E185.61 .C63 2008 Ref] - Charles Cobb leads us from Washington, D.C., through eight Southern states to visit the places where pioneers of the civil rights movement fought for freedom.

African-American – History

- 📖 **Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History** [E185 .E54 2006 Ref, 6 volumes] – entries on people, events, places, culture and professions, ranging from a paragraph to several pages.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of African-American Education** [LC2717 .E53 1996 Ref] – offers entries on significant issues, policies, events, laws, organizations, and people, ranging from a paragraph to three pages.
- 📖 **Historical Statistics of Black America** [E185 .H543 1995 Ref, 2 volumes] – offers a wide variety of statistics from the pre-colonial period up to 1975, from governmental and African-American publications.
- 📖 **Landmarks of African American History** [E185 .H6444 2005 Ref] – entries on places of significance in Black history

African-American Literature

- 📖 **African-American Dramatists: An A to Z Guide** [PS338 .N4 2004 Ref] – references notable playwrights.
- 📖 **Black Literature Criticism** [PS153 .N5 B556 Ref, 4 volumes] – offers biographical sketches and excerpts from various criticisms; entries are arranged by author. Consult the last volume for an author and title index.
- 📖 **Concise Oxford Companion to African American Literature** [PS153 .N5 C59 2001 Ref] - general articles on poetry, fiction, and drama; on autobiography, slave narratives, Sunday School literature, and oratory; as well as on a wide spectrum of related topics in the field of African American literature.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of African American Literature** [PS153 .N5 E48 2007 Ref] - provides entries on important African-American literary works and writers, as well as thematic and contextual entries on movements, publications, ideas, and major critical and theoretical schools and scholars.
- 📖 **Schomburg Center Guide to Black Literature** [PN841 .S25 1996 Ref] – offers short biographies, literary work synopses, and entries on themes and genres for African and African-American literature.

Africa

- 📖 **African Literature and Its Times** [PL8010 .M65 2000 Ref] – contains criticisms of 50 African literary works.
- 📖 **African Studies Companion: A Guide to Information Sources** [DT19.8 .Z45 2006 Ref] – lists a wide range of sources of information in the African studies field covering both print and electronic resources.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara** [DT351 .E53 1997 Ref, 4 volumes] – offers both general overviews on broad topics and shorter entries on specific topics relating to Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 📖 **Garland Encyclopedia of World Music: Vol. 1 Africa** [ML100 .G16 1998 v.1 Ref] – offers a detailed overview of African music, then lengthy entries for major regions and countries. An accompanying CD-ROM with samples of music is available in the IRC.

Selected Databases

- 📖 **JSTOR** (1800's-2003) ^{Off-Campus Full text} – covers African American Studies and other topics in humanities and business.

For additional information, please consult a general database that covers all subjects such as **Academic Search Premier**.

Selected Web Sites

- 🔗 **African American World** <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/index.html> – a guide to African American history and culture from the Public Broadcasting Service.
- 🔗 **Civil Rights in Mississippi Digital Archive** <http://www.lib.usm.edu/legacy/spcol/crda/> - an Internet-accessible, fully searchable database of digitized versions of rare and unique library and archival resources on race relations in Mississippi
- 🔗 **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)** <http://www.naacp.org/> – the official web site of the civil rights organization, it contains information about the organization, current issues, and resources.