

## Subject Guide to Mississippi

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### Browsing the Mississippi Collection

Mississippi history books are located in the F 341s. However, books on a particular subject, such as art or literature in Mississippi, are most likely located with other books on art or literature. Books on southern history may also include sections or chapters on Mississippi. In the event that you do not find what you are looking for by simply browsing, please consult the online catalog or ask for assistance.

### Selected Reference Books

- 📖 **Art in Mississippi 1720- 1980** [N 6530 .M7 B63 1998 Ref] – survey of visual art in Mississippi in chronological sequence; heavily illustrated with color reproductions.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of Mississippi** [F339 .E62 2001 Ref] – compact encyclopedia covering the people, places, and events of Mississippi. Includes sections on history, politics, directories, and places. Also includes the constitution of Mississippi. Contains a bibliography.
- 📖 **Hometown Mississippi** [F 339 .B75 2000 Ref] – historical sketches of virtually every city and town in Mississippi, ranging from one sentence to one page in length.
- 📖 **Mississippi Almanac** [F 341 .C68 Year Ref] – quick facts, trivia and statistics about the state, from agriculture to wildflowers.
- 📖 **Mississippi Code** [KFM 6630 year .A28 Ref] – current and historical versions of the laws of Mississippi, arranged by subject. Current version available online at <http://www.sos.state.ms.us/>.
- 📖 **Mississippi Official & Statistical Register** [J 87 .M74a year Ref] – also known as the “Blue Book,” a guide to state government published by the Mississippi Secretary of State’s office every 4 years. Offers a general overview of the state, summaries of state agencies, and listings of governmental officials. Also available online at [http://www.sos.state.ms.us/ed\\_pubs/BlueBook/](http://www.sos.state.ms.us/ed_pubs/BlueBook/)
- 📖 **Mississippi Reports** [KFM 6645 .A2 Ref, 1818-1966] & **Southern Reporter, Mississippi Cases** [KFM 6633 .A34 Ref, 1966-present] – all Mississippi Supreme Court cases, as well as important lower state and federal court cases from Mississippi. To find a case on a particular subject, use the **Mississippi Digest** [KFM 6657 .M58 Ref].
- 📖 **Mississippi Statistical Abstract** [HA 465 .A25 year Ref] – annual publication with more than 500 pages of statistics from local, state and federal sources, as well as their own data, on a variety of topics, from the Office of Business Research and Services of Mississippi State University’s College of Business and Industry.
- 📖 **The Encyclopedia of Southern Culture** [F209.N47 2006 Ref] - a 10 volume set specially oriented toward Southern life and culture with volume titles such as “Language” and “Literature”. Mississippi life and culture are well documented in this series.
- 📖 **Mississippi** [F339.R88 1976 Ref.]- Originally printed in 1907, this 4 volume work is comprised of “sketches of counties, towns, events, institutions, and persons in cyclopedic order”.

### Mississippi Periodicals

#### *Newspapers*

- 📖 **Bolivar Commercial** [current & two prior months] – Cleveland; online version at <http://www.bolivarcom.com>.
- 📖 **Clarion Ledger** [1890-present] – Jackson; online version at <http://www.clarionledger.com>
- 📖 **Commercial Appeal** [1894-present] – Memphis, but covers North Mississippi and historically all of Mississippi; online version at <http://www.commercialappeal.com/> (includes searchable archive back to 1990).
- 📖 **Delta Democrat Times** [current & two prior months] – Greenville; online version at <http://www.ddtonline.com/>
- 📖 **Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal** [current & two prior months] – Tupelo; online version at <http://www.djournal.com/pages/DailyJournal/>.
- 📖 **Sun Herald** [current & two prior months] – Biloxi; online version at <http://www.sunherald.com/>
- 📖 **NewsLink**-an index to a number of newspapers throughout Mississippi. Only available online at <http://newslink.org/MSnews.html>

The library also has a selection of historical Mississippi newspapers on microfilm.

### *Journals & Magazines*

- ☐ **Confidante** [1973-present] – annual literary journal from DSU.
- ☐ **Delta Business Journal** [1998-2009] – monthly business news for the Mississippi Delta; online version at <http://www.deltabusinessjournal.com/>
- ☐ **Delta Statement** [1926-present] – student newspaper for DSU, formally called **Miss Delta**.
- ☐ **Journal of Mississippi History** [1939-present] – quarterly journal with articles and book reviews; online table of contents at <http://www.mdah.state.ms.us/pubs/jmh.html>, but no full-text articles.
- ☐ **Mississippi Banker** [1971-present] – bi-monthly trade journal; online version with limited full-text at [http://www.msbankers.com/products\\_services.htm](http://www.msbankers.com/products_services.htm)
- ☐ **Mississippi Business Journal** [current & prior year] – weekly business news for Mississippi; online version at <http://www.msbusiness.com/>
- ☐ **Mississippi Educator** [current & two prior months] – trade journal.
- ☐ **Mississippi Folklife** [1967-2009] – articles on folklore and folklife, or special issues on one theme, formally called **Mississippi Folklore Register**; some full text articles available online at <http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/south/publish/missfolk/index.htm>
- ☐ **Mississippi Law Journal** [1936-present] – law review published by University of Mississippi Law School students; online version at <http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/mslj/>
- ☐ **Mississippi Libraries** [1936-present] – quarterly trade journal and full-text access from 2000 at <http://www.mislib.org/index.php.publications/>.
- ☐ **Mississippi Magazine** [2001-present]-monthly popular magazine dedicated to life in Mississippi
- ☐ **Mississippi Municipalities** [1967-74, 83-present] – bi-monthly trade journal.
- ☐ **Mississippi Music Educator** [1999-present] – trade journal.
- ☐ **Mississippi Quarterly** [1953-present] – articles, essays and book reviews covering humanities and social science issues; online table of contents at <http://www.missq.msstate.edu/>, but no full-text articles.
- ☐ **Mississippi Review** [1972-present] – literary journal from University of Southern Mississippi; online version at <http://www.mississippireview.com/>
- ☐ **Oxford American** [2000-2009] – bi-monthly magazine with fiction and non-fiction writing; online table of contents at <http://www.oxfordamericanmag.com>, but no full-text articles.
- ☐ **Publications of the Mississippi Philological Association** [1982-present] – annual collection of essays, poetry, and fiction.
- ☐ **Southern Quarterly** [1962-present] – literary journal from University of Southern Mississippi; online table of contents at <http://www-dept.usm.edu/soq/index.html>, but no full-text articles.
- ☐ **Valley Voices** [2007-present]-“a journal of literature, culture, and criticism” published by Mississippi Valley State University.

### **Selected Databases\***

- ☐ **Civil Rights in Mississippi Digital Archive** <sup>Off-Campus</sup> [<http://www.lib.usm.edu/spcol/>] – this site is an Internet-accessible, fully searchable database of 7,000+ pages containing digitized versions of rare and unique library and archival resources on race relations in Mississippi. Maintained by the University of Southern Mississippi.
- ☐ **Clarion Ledger Index** <sup>Off-Campus</sup> [[http://www.jhlibrary.com/reference/cl\\_index.htm](http://www.jhlibrary.com/reference/cl_index.htm)] – subject index for the Jackson *Clarion Ledger* covering 1985- July 2002.
- ☐ **Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives and Museum** [<http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/291.asp>]-The Capps Archives and Museum (located on the Delta State University campus) presents several digital web exhibits on a variety of topics relating to the people of the Mississippi Delta and Delta State University.

\*In addition, consult general, interdisciplinary databases such as **Academic Search Premier**, **MasterFILE Premier**, and **JSTOR**. Plus the Library has other subject-specific databases, such as business, that may be helpful.

### **Selected Web Sites**

- ☐ **Mississippi Writers Page** -[<http://www.olemiss.edu/mwp/>] – good site for information on writers in, from, or otherwise associated with the state of Mississippi. Contains a collection of articles on each author detailing biographical information, a comprehensive list of published titles, various awards and honors, and a selected bibliography of additional resources, including relevant World Wide Web links.
- ☐ **State of Mississippi's Official Web Site** [<http://www.mississippi.gov>] – information and links to all aspects of state government.
- ☐ **Handbook of Selected Data for Mississippi** [<http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/urc/economics.html>] – a compilation of basic demographic and economic statistics from various state and federal agencies, published periodically by the Center for Policy Research and Planning of the Board of Trustees of the State Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL).

**Have a Question? Ask a Librarian.**

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