

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES

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DATABASES

Academic OneFile Find an article on almost any topic in African American history.

Ancestry.com This library edition contains census, marriage, birth, death records, and more. Learn about the roots of African American families, maybe even your own.

Democrat & Chronicle Archive Newspapers from 1871-present, with primary sources of historical events, including Frederick Douglass's funeral, William Warfield's first concerts, the 1964 Riots, and the music scene at the Pythodd Room.

Encyclopedia Britannica Academic Comprehensive knowledge of African Americans and their history.

NYS Historic Newspapers Choose Monroe County and search a variety of local newspapers published from 1818-2021.

NoveListPlus A great source for nonfiction and historical fiction books on the African American experience.

Rochester History These articles cover the history of Rochester and Western New York from 1939 to the present, including slavery in the Genesee Valley, Frederick Douglass, Henry Johnson, and the Liberian experiment.

Rochester Images More than 22,000 historical and contemporary images from Rochester and Monroe County, including photos of the Dorsey Home for Dependent Colored Children, Civil War Major F.S. Cunningham, and Civil War era political cartoons.

World Book Student Find information for elementary and middle school students on African Americans and their experiences.

SELECTED RECENT ELECTRONIC BOOKS & DIGITAL AUDIOBOOKS VIA LIBBY OR HOOPLA

Libby

Black Joy Project by Kleaver Cruz (A)

Call Me Chef, Dammit by Chef Andre Rush (A)

In Search of Our Mother's Gardens by Alice Walker (A)

Invisible Generals by Doug Melville (E)

Last Negroes at Harvard by Kent Garrett (E)

Somewhere Toward Freedom by Bennett Parten (A)

Hoopla

Belonging by Michelle Miller (E)

Great Courses African American History (A)

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, Written by Herself by Harriet Ann Jacobs (E), (A)

The Love You Save by Goldie Taylor (A)

SELECTED RECENT MUSIC ON HOOPLA

The best way to find music through Hoopla is to isolate the format (a drop down next to the search box) to music. Then, search by artist or album title or genre, or even search terms like "African American."

SELECTED STREAMING VIDEO ON HOOPLA & KANOPY (for Brighton Residents)

There are numerous films and documentaries offered by both Hoopla and Kanopy. As their collections are ever changing, the easiest way to find videos is to use the search box functions of each service or to browse by collection or subject.

ONLINE RESOURCES

African American Odyssey
Library of Congress
www.loc.gov/exhibits/african-american-odyssey/overview.html

Black Freedom Struggle in the United States
Primary sources, such as articles and legal documents, organized by time period and subject
blackfreedom.proquest.com

Black History Month
www.blackhistorymonth.gov

Black History Playlist
Jacob's Pillow Dance Interactive
danceinteractive.jacobspillow.org/playlists/black-history-month/#2

Brightness in Black (StoryCorps)
storycorps.org/discover/brightness-in-black

Clarissa Uprooted: Unearthing the Stories of Our Village (Initiative, Exhibit, Documentary)
clarissauprooted.org

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (research guides)
New York Public Library (NYPL)
libguides.nypl.org/nyplschomburg

Schomburg Center's Exhibitions and Multimedia Projects (Digital Archive of Past Exhibitions)
nypl.org/spotlight/schomburg/exhibitions

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture's Searchable Museum searchablemuseum.com

Ten Great Talks to Celebrate Black History Month (TED Talks)
www.ted.com/playlists/230

Understanding Black Experiences
Rochester Public Library
roccitylibrary.org/understanding-black-experiences

READING FOR CHILDREN

PICTURE BOOKS

I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes

Be, Black Girl, Be by T.B. Darks

Black Is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy

Dear Black Child by Rahma Rodaah

J FICTION

The Vanquishers by Kalynn Bayron

Alex Wise vs. the End of the World
by Terry J. Benton-Walker

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

Black Girl Power edited by Leah Johnson

Black Boy Joy edited by Kwame Mbalia

NONFICTION

Fighting With Love: The Legacy of John Lewis
by Lesa Cline-Ransome jBIO LEWIS

Call and Response: The Story of Black Lives Matter
by Veronica Chambers j323.1196 CHA

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History
by Vashti Harrison j920 HAR (also Playaway)

Stamped (for Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You
by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
j305.8 REY

*28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed
the World* by Charles R. Smith, Jr.
j973.049

*The Fierce 44: Black Americans Who Shook Up the
World* by The Staff of The Undeafed
j920 FIE (also Wonderbook)

Ketanji Brown Jackson: A Justice for All
by Tami Charles jBIO JACKSON

READING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

FICTION

Ace of Spades by Faridah Abike-Iyimide

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

This Poison Heart series by Kalynn Bayron

The Weight of Blood by Tiffany D. Jackson

Happily Ever Afters by Elise Bryant

Muted by Tami Charles

House of Marionne series by J. Elle

The Getaway by Lamar Giles

Promise Boys by Nick Brooks

The Forest Demands Its Due by Kosoko Jackson

Blood Debts duology by Terry J. Benton-Walker

Briarcliff Prep by Brianna Peppins

Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute
by Talia Hibbert

Thieves' Gambit by Kayvion Lewis

As You Walk On By by Julian Winters

NONFICTION

Can't Stop, Won't Stop: A Hip-Hop History
by Jeff Chang & Dave Cook

How to Be a Young Antiracist
by Ibram X. Kendi & Nic Stone

*Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party's
Promise to the People* by Kekla Magoon

Some titles listed in this brochure may be
available in eBook and eAudiobook formats
through the Libby app or Hoopla.

KEY: LP = Large Print | BOC = Book on CD

READING FOR ADULTS

FICTION

Black Buck by Mateo Askaripour (also BOC)

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett (also LP)

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi (also LP, BOC)

Prophets by Robert Jones, Jr. (also LP)

Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
(also LP, BOC)

The American Daughters by Maurice Carlos Ruffin

Let Us Descend by Jesmyn Ward (also LP, BOC)

Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
(also LP, BOC)

NONFICTION

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom
by David W. Blight BIO DOUGLASS (also BOC)

The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom 814.6 BRO

*Borderland Blacks: Two Cities in the Niagara Region
During the Final Decades of Slavery*
by daan j Brolyd LH 305.8009 BRO

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
305.8009 COA (also LP, BOC)

*African Founders: How Enslaved People Expanded
American Ideals* by David Fischer
973.0496 FIS (also BOC)

*Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of
African America, 1619-2019* 973.0496 FOU

The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song
by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. 277.3008 GAT

*American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black
Men Who Became America's First Paramedics*
by Kevin Hazzard 362.188 HAZ

*Strike the Hammer: The Black Freedom Struggle in
Rochester, NY 1940-1970* by Laura Warren Hill
LH 305.8009 BRO

READING FOR ADULTS (CONT.)

NONFICTION

Black Folk: The Roots of the Black Working Class
by Blair LM Kelley 331.6396 KEL

*His Truth Is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power
of Hope* by Jon Meacham BIO LEWIS (also BOC)

Buses Are a Comin': Memoir of a Freedom Rider
by Charles Person BIO PERSON

1619 Project: A New Origin Story 976 SIX

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
by Rebecca Skloot 616.0277 SKL (also LP, BOC)

*Jubilee: Recipes from Two Centuries of African
American Cooking* by Toni Tipton-Martin
641.5929 TIP

*The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of
America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson
304.8097 WIL

DVDS AND BLU-RAYS

Black Patriots: Heroes of the Revolution
DVD 973.3 BLA

Black Wings DVD 629.1309 BLA

Harriet DVD HAR

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Frederick Douglass, No Turning Back DVD FRE

King in the Wilderness DVD 323.092 KIN

Muhammad Ali DVD BIO ALI

1 Angry Black Man DVD ONE

Tell Them We are Rising DVD 371.82 TEL

Till DVD TIL

Voice of Freedom DVD 782.10 VOI

Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space
DVD BIO HURSTON