Black Press Bibliography

This listing provides historical and essential reference resources illustrating post-civil to the 1900’s black press and contributions of black and people of color journalists. A special highlight of the Chitlin Circuit, Negro Baseball Leagues, historical black newspapers and cartoon advertising is provided illustrating narratives of the Black Experience. Directories of various Black press, publications, and historical black-owned and black publications are also included.

Negro Baseball League and Various cartoonists are included as their contributions re-defined the direction of journalism for blacks and sparked the journalistic renaissance of constructive images of blacks. At the height of Negro Baseball, people of color interested in journalism and circulating narratives about the Black Experience found an avenue that included the first positive, progressive images of blacks— cartoon and sports advertisement. For black entertainers and musicians, The Chitlin Circuit welcomed marketing and cartoon advertisement illustrating a non-bias images and narratives of the black community and performers.

Resources include call numbers, for patrons to easily inquire and obtain resources. Auburn Avenue Research Library maintains non-circulating policies of its collection; however, patrons are able to utilize materials in-house. Suggested search terms and keywords are provided to further guide patron’s research amongst Auburn Avenue Research Library and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library catalog and digital libraries. The below Boolean Operators (AND, OR, also NOT) are simple words used to maximize search results.

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Audio/Visual Collection:

Freedom’s Call
Author: Breyer, Richard       Pub Date: 2006       Call #: DVD 323.1196 FREEDOM'S

The Black press soldiers without swords
Author: Nelson, Stanley       Pub Date: 1998       Call #: CD-ROM 071.308996 BLACK
                                                        DVD 071.308996 BLACK
The best of Black journal five program segments from National Educational Television's Black journal (1968-1970)
Author: Greaves, William  Pub Date: 200  Call #: VHS 070.195 BEST

The Claude A. Barnett papers
Author: Barnett, Claude  Pub Date: 1980  Call #: M-FILM 070.435 BARNETT
Archives Division

Databases to Use:
ProQuest Historical Black NEWSPAPERS

Atlanta Daily World (1931-2003) The Atlanta Daily World had the first black White House correspondent and was the first black daily in the nation in the 20th century.

The Baltimore Afro-American (1893-1988) was the most widely circulated black newspaper on the Atlantic coast. It was the first black newspaper to have correspondents reporting on World War II, foreign correspondents, and female sports correspondents.

Chicago Defender (1910-1975) A leading African-American newspaper, with more than two-thirds of its readership outside Chicago.

Cleveland Call and Post (1934-1991) was founded by Garrett Morgan, inventor of the gas mask and traffic light. Contributors included noted journalists Charles H. Loeb and John Fuster. The newspaper is well known for its support of the Scottsboro trial defendants with letters, clothing, stamps, and donations to the defense fund.

Los Angeles Sentinel (1934-2005) is the oldest and largest black newspaper in the western United States and the largest African-American owned newspaper in the U.S.

New York Amsterdam News (1922-1993) This leading Black newspaper of the 20th century reached its peak in the 1940s. The Amsterdam News was a strong advocate for the desegregation of the U.S. military during World War II, and also covered the historically important Harlem Renaissance.

The Norfolk Journal and Guide (1921-2003) was the only black newspaper to provide on-the-scene, day-to-day coverage of the Scottsboro trial, and was one of the best researched and well written black newspapers of its time.

The Philadelphia Tribune (1912-2001) the oldest continuously published black newspaper, is dedicated to the needs and concerns of the fourth largest black community in the U.S. During the 1930s the paper supported the growth of the United Way, rallied against the riots in Chester, PA, and continuously fought against segregation.

Pittsburgh Courier (1911-2002) was one of the most nationally circulated Black newspapers, the Courier reached its peak in the 1930s. A conservative voice in the African-American community, the Courier challenged the misrepresentation of African-Americans in the national media and advocated social reforms to advance the cause of civil rights.
Books:

Race news: black journalists and the fight for racial justice in the twentieth century  
Author: Carroll, Fred  
Pub Date: 2017  
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 071.308 CARROLL

Eye on the struggle: Ethel Payne, the first lady of the black press  
Author: Morris, James M.  
Pub Date: 2015  
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B PAYNE

Alone atop the hill: the autobiography of Alice Dunnigan, pioneer of the national Black press  
Author: Dunnigan, Alice A.  
Pub Date: 2015  
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B DUNNIGAN

The Black press and Black baseball, 1915-1955: a devil's bargain  
Author: Carroll, Brian  
Pub Date: 2015  
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 796.357 CARROLL

Whither the Black press?: glorious past, uncertain future  
Author: Wilson, Clint C.  
Pub Date: 2014  
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 071.3 WILSON

Black celebrity, racial politics, and the press: framing dissent  
Author: Jackson, Sarah J.  
Pub Date: 2014  
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 323.11 JACKSON

Black print with a white carnation: Mildred Brown and the Omaha star newspaper, 1938-1989  
Author: Forss, Amy H.  
Pub Date: 2013  
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B BROWN

A survey of Cincinnati's Black press & its editors, 1844-2010  
Author: Duncan, Mae N.  
Pub Date: 2011  
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 071.77178 DUNCAN

The Black press  
Author: Mooney, Carla  
Pub Date: 2010  
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 071.3 MOONEY
The Southern press: literary legacies and the challenge of modernity
Author: Cumming, Douglas O. Pub Date: 2009
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 071.5 CUMMING

Writings of Frank Marshall Davis: a voice of the black press
Author: Davis, Frank M. Pub Date: 2007
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 818.5209 DAVIS

When to stop the cheering?: the Black press, the Black community, and the integration of professional baseball
Author: Carroll, Brian Pub Date: 2007
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 796.35764 CARROLL

Slavery, secession, and Civil War: views from the United Kingdom and Europe, 1856-1865
Author: Adams, Charles Pub Date: 2007
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 070.4499737 ADAMS

The African American press: a history of news coverage during national crises, with special reference to four black newspapers, 1827-1965
Author: Simmons, Charles Pub Date: 2005
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 071.308996 SIMMONS

Paul Robeson, Freedom newspaper, and the Black press
Author: Lamphere, Lawrence Pub Date: 2003
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 320.973 LAMPHERE

Forgotten readers: recovering the lost history of African American literary societies
Author: McHenry, Elizabeth Pub Date: 2002
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 028 MCHENRY

The black press: new literary and historical essays
Author: Vogel, Todd Pub Date: 2001
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 813.009 BLACK

Mary Ann Shadd Cary: the Black press and protest in the nineteenth century
Author: Rhodes, Jane Pub Date: 1998
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A history of the Black press
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The Black press, 1827-1890: the quest for national identity
Author: Dann, Martin E. Pub Date: 1972
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 973.71 DANN

The Black press views American imperialism (1898-1900)
Author: Marks, George P. Pub Date: 1971
Auburn Avenue Research Library: WR 071 MARKS

The Black press periodical directory
Author: Black Press Clipping Bureau
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 016 BLACK 1973
Suggested Search Terms and Keywords:
- Associated Negro Press
- Black press AND journalism
- African Americans AND Political Activity
- African Americans Journalists
- Chitlin Circuit AND Advertisement
- Negro Baseball League AND advertisement
- Freedom Newspaper
- The Freedom’s Journal
- African American Cartoonists AND 1950’s advertisement
- Ida B. Wells AND journalism contribution
- African American Newspapers AND south AND 1860-1900
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- Public Opinion AND black press AND 1861-1965

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