

The Youth Services Division of the Fresno County Public Library is committed to sharing essential pieces of literary news and highlighting new or exciting informational resources to complement and expand on the work of educators in our community.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- This pathfinder was designed as a resource for teachers, librarians, and other educators for professional use and to share with students in grades K-12 for Black History Month assignments.



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One of the key factors to successful database information retrieval is utilizing each database's search terms and subject/category headings. We have provided helpful search information below, but as a reminder, it will save you time to check the "search tips" page for any database you utilize.

- [Biography Resource Center](#) – scroll and click for in-house or at-home use (library card needed).
 - Recommended Grade Level: 3 - 12
 - The Biography Resource Center contains information on more than 340,000 important and famous people from around the world and throughout history from reputable, cited print resources.
 - Search Tips:
 - This site provides an [African Americans Category Browse](#)
 - To narrow that list, use the [Biographical Fact Search](#) to search "African Americans" and specific occupations such as "activist." This site also provides a clickable list of other occupations.
- [ValleyCat](#) – online catalog for Fresno County Public Library and the San Joaquin Valley Library System
 - We've compiled our best subject search terms directly linked to our catalog to provide the print and audio-visual resources you need for Black History Month:
 - [African Americans -- Historiography -- Juvenile literature](#)
 - [African Americans -- History](#)
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- [Africans in America \[DVD\]: America's Journey through Slavery](#), a production of WGBH Boston; executive producer, Orlando Bagwell; writer, Steve Fayer.
 - Recommended Grade Level: 9-12
 - "A chronicle of the struggles of the African people in the United States, from their involuntary arrival in the 1600s to the last days before the Civil War. A four part series...that exposes the truth through surprising revelations, dramatic recreations, rare archival photography, riveting first-person accounts and defines the reality of slaver's past through insightful commentary."

PRINT RESOURCES

Have you searched our catalog, [ValleyCat](#), but still want to find out more? Here are some relevant Dewey Decimal subject numbers for you to peruse. If you ever need help, don't forget our librarians are always happy to further assist you.

- Affirmative Action Programs – 342.73
- African American Art – 704
- African American Athletes History – 796.089
- African American Cookery – 641.5929
- African American Executives – 338.7
- African American Women History – 305.48
- Biography (general) – 921
- Black America – 301.45; 323.4; 344.7307; 973; 973.04; 973.049
- Civil Rights – 323
- Civil War – 973.7
- Slavery – 326
- Underground Railroad – 973.7
- Writing Research Papers – 808.02

LOOKING FOR FICTION TITLES?

- CHILDREN'S TITLES (PRE-SCHOOL-6TH GRADE)
 - The Youth Services Division has created a children's [African American Heritage](#) bibliography for your convenience that includes picture books, I-can-reads, in-betweens, fiction, folktales, poetry, and other non-fiction titles including biographies.
- YOUNG ADULT TITLES (6TH-12TH GRADE)
 - **Crowe, Chris.** [Mississippi Trial, 1955.](#)
 - Hiram's love of the South is tested when he witnesses racial injustice in his Mississippi town, home of the real-life murder trial of an African American teenager who was killed after allegedly disrespecting a white woman.
 - Nonfiction companion: [Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case](#) by **Chris Crowe.**
 - **Kidd, Sue Monk.** [The Secret Life of Bees.](#)
 - Fourteen year-old Lily lives with her abusive father and their housekeeper, Rosaleen, in rural South Carolina, 1964. When Rosaleen is arrested for defending



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herself against three of the town's harshest racists, Lily breaks her out of jail and the two hide out on a bee farm with three sisters who help Lily understand the true meaning of family.

- Nonfiction companion: [Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High](#) by **Melba Beals**.
- **Les Becquets, Diane.** [The Stones of Mourning Creek](#).
 - It's 1966 in Spring Gap, Alabama where the Civil Rights movement has angered many people. Trouble erupts when Francie, who is white, and Ruthie, who is black, become close friends.
 - Nonfiction companion: [To the Mountaintop: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Sacred Mission to Save America: 1955-1968](#) by **Stewart Burns**.
- **Rinaldi, Ann.** [Numbering All the Bones](#).
 - The Civil War ends and slaves are promised freedom, but 13 year-old slave Eulinda feels anything but free when her choices are to stay at her master's plantation or to face the world alone.
 - Nonfiction companion: [Days of Jubilee: The End of Slavery in the United States](#) by **Patricia C. McKissack**.

WEB RESOURCES

- [African Americans: A Printable Activity Book for Early Readers](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: K-3
 - This site provides "a short, printable early reader book with pages on Harriet Tubman, Elijah McCoy, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Matthew Henson, Madame C. J. Walker, Dr. Charles R. Drew, Jesse Owens, Thurgood Marshall, Shirley Chisholm, and Martin Luther King, Jr." There are also links to "Biographies of Some African American Women Who Changed the World."
- [Calisphere: A World of Primary Sources And More](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 7-12
 - Explore thousands of **primary sources** to discover California history! Find photographs, documents, newspaper clippings, political cartoons, art, and other cultural artifacts.
 - Search Tips:
 - This site provides a themed collection for [1950s - 1970s: Social Reform](#) (Civil Rights Movement, The Free Speech Movement, Watts, and Struggles for Social Justice).
 - There is also an "explore further" section on the above page that lists relevant primary documents such as "Black Panthers," "Ku Klux Klan," and "NAACP."
- [Separate is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level 5-12
 - This site was created by the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the monumental decision. It traces the history of segregation, the battle for education, and the events leading up to the historic decision.
 - Special Note: The [resources](#) page is especially useful for teachers and includes an annotated bibliography, electronic timeline, teacher's guide, and two 50 minute broadcasts (one for middle school and one for high school) field trips.



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- "The archived field trips include a special tour of the *Separate Is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education* exhibition by curators Alonzo Smith and Harry Rubenstein, film footage from the exhibition, and a Q&A session between curators, and school children from around the country."
- [Time for Kids: Black History Month](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 3-6
 - Students can "travel through time with interactive milestones," "finish Martin Luther King's famous Montgomery March," tell who's who from childhood pictures, or "see how African American artists have helped shape what America sees, reads, and hears."
- [The Underground Railroad](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 5-7
 - Students can discover how escaped African slaves in the U.S. reached freedom safely. Includes maps of escape routes, a timeline of slavery, and information on abolitionists and civil rights leaders.
 - Special Note: Allows students to follow their own chosen narrative i.e., to try for freedom or to stay, or "to approach the house" or "hide in the woods," etc.
- [University of Washington's "African American History" Webliography](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 7-12
 - An annotated listing of Web sites by category with information about all aspects of African American history. Some sites include primary source documents and oral history interviews.
 - Categories include: General History, Civil War & Slavery, Civil Rights, Sites Arranged Chronologically, and Biography
- [U.S. Census' Black History Month: February 2008](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 5-7
 - This page lists statistics regarding African Americans in the U.S. today under these topics: "population distribution," "serving our nation," "education," "businesses," "Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance," "Families and Children," "Homeownership – the American Dream," and "Jobs."

Live Homework Help (Tutor.com)

is now accessible at all branch computers as well as to users at home. Students in grades 4-12 can get free online tutoring in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies, available every day from 1:00 to 10:00 pm.

Spanish language tutors are also available in Math and Science related subjects from 1:00 to 7:00 pm, Sunday through Thursday.



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