

Collier Library - Pathfinder

BLACK ARTISTS

SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Collier Library in the area of **Black Artists**. Please note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific needs.

The Library of Congress Class that includes **Black Artists** is N. BROWSING the following CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles: (For a more complete listing see <<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco.html>>)

N	Visual Arts
NB	Sculpture
NC	Drawing. Design. Illustration

In the event you do not find what you are looking for by browsing consult [UNACAT](#), the online catalog. The following are selected SUBJECT HEADINGS, which appear in [UNACAT](#).

Highly Relevant Headings

ARTISTS, BLACK [may subdivide by country or region]
ART, BLACK [may subdivide by country or region]
AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS
AFRO AMERICAN ARTISTS

Other Related Headings

AFRICAN AMERICAN ART
AFRO AMERICAN ART
AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTS
AFRO AMERICAN ARTS

Other Subject headings can be identified by using **Library of Congress Subject Headings**, located on the dictionary stand in the Reference Area.

BEGINNING RESEARCH – SELECTED SOURCES

Introduction and overview material

- **African American Art & Artists [N 6538 .N5 L38]** by Samella S. Lewis
- **Black Art and Culture in the 20th Century [N 6538 .N5 P67 1997]** by Richard J. Powell
- **Creating Their Own Image : The History of African-American Women Artists [N 6538 .N5 F27]** by Lisa E. Farrington
- **A History of African-American Artists : From 1792 to the Present [N6538.N5 B38]** by Romare Bearden
- **To Conserve a Legacy: American Art From Historically Black Colleges and Universities [N 6538 .N5 P68 1999]** by Richard J. Powell
- **St. James Guide to Black Artists [Ref N 40 .S78]**

Literature guides and bibliographies

- **Black Artists in the United States: An Annotated Bibliography of Books, Articles, and Dissertations on Black Artists, 1779-1979 [Ref Z 5956 .A47 D38]** by Lenwood G. Davis & Janet L. Sims
- **The Complete Annotated Resource Guide to Black American Art [Ref Z 59612 .N4 H64]** by Oakley N. Holmes
- **The Harlem Renaissance: An Annotated Reference Guide for Student Research [Ref Z 5956 .A47 R64 1998]** by Marie E. Rodgers

Directories & Yearbooks

- **American Art Directory [Ref N 50 .A54]**

Biographical Sources

- **African Americans in the Visual Arts [Ref N 6538 .N5 O86]** by Steven Otfinoski

SUGGESTED DATABASES FOR LOCATING ARTICLES on Black Artists

[America: History & Life](#) (Online Database)
[Art Full Text](#) (Online Database)
[Academic Search Premier](#) (Online Database)
[African American History & Culture](#) (Online Database)
[Bibliography of the History of Art](#) (Online Database)
[Grove Art Online](#) (Online Database)

A few frequently used PERIODICALS on Black Artists are:

African American Review
Art History
Art in America
Artforum
Artnews
Ebony

PERIODICAL titles held by the library (in print and electronic format) can be identified by clicking the PERIODICAL HOLDINGS link under “Find Articles” on the library website at <http://www.una.edu/library> or by searching in [UNACAT](#).

INTERLIBRARY LOAN - it is possible to borrow books or obtain copies of articles from other libraries if the material is unavailable locally. Inquire at the Reference Desk or consult the library’s web site for policy information and request forms at: <http://www.una.edu/library/about/departments/ill/>

SUGGESTED WEBSITES

African American Artists at the National Gallery of Art
<http://www.nga.gov/collection/gallery/ggafamer/ggafamer-main1.html>

African American Artists in the Visual Arts: A Historical Perspective.
<http://www.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/aavaahp.htm>

African American History and Culture at the Smithsonian
http://www.si.edu/Encyclopedia_SI/History_and_Culture/AfricanAmerican_History.htm

African American World
<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/>

Art Institute of Chicago (African American Artists)
<http://www.artic.edu/aic/collections/citi/themes>

Artyclopedia: AA Artists
<http://www.artyclopedia.com/nationalities/African-American.html>

ArtLex on African American Art
http://www.artlex.com/ArtLex/a/african_american_1.html

Dance in America – Free To Dance
<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/freetodance/>

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