American History Pathfinder

The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Houston Cole Library on American History. The various types of library materials useful for research are described along with some examples of each type. This pathfinder is NOT a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which patrons can begin their research according to their specific needs.

BASIC INTRODUCTION OR OVERVIEW MATERIAL can be found in:


SUBJECT HEADINGS can be identified by using the Library of Congress Subject Headings located at the Information Desk on each floor. Books on American History can be located in the Library Catalog by entering a subject search using the term United States History. Books can be located in the Library Catalog by clicking on "Author/Title/Subject" search type. Then click on the "Subject" button. Last, type in your subject and press the enter key.

Suggested subject headings for this topic are: United States History

Related headings include:

United States History - 1783-1865
United States History - 1865-1898
United States History - 1901-1953

To browse the bookstacks use: Library of Congress call numbers: E’s and F’s on third floor.

REFERENCE TOOLS

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES -- provide brief definitions or concise overviews of the topic, often followed by lists of further references.

REF F207.7 .E52: Encyclopedia of Southern History
REF E185.96 .N68: Notable Black American Women
REF E185.86 .N68: Notable Black American Men
HANDBOOKS AND MANUALS -- cover broad subjects in a brief, concise manner and may include odd bits of information about a variety of topics (They may also be referred to as a compendium).


GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS -- are primarily annual reports, studies, and statistics from the various departments and agencies of the government. They are cataloged and shelved like other books and microforms. (There is no separate collection of government publications in this library).

JOURNALS

Journals held by the library can be identified by consulting the Library Catalog by searching under the journal name. Journal Titles on American History can be located in the Library Catalog by clicking on Author/Title/Subject search type. Then click on the "Journal Title" button. Last, type in your journal title and press the enter key.

Use these Electronic Database America: History and Life to locate JOURNAL ARTICLES and other papers on American History. The two general databases, Expanded Academic and Academic Search Elite may be used to find articles in full text.

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers are located on the second floor in the microfilm section. The following indexes may be helpful in locating articles on specific subjects:


v. 1 1858-1968
v. 2 1969-1978

WEB SITES

Browse a list of American History related Web sites selected by subject librarians at Houston Cole Library. The lists are available through the Library Catalog.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN services are available to graduate students and faculty. Please ask a librarian about these services.

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