African-American Experience is the definitive electronic research tool for African American history and culture from one of the most respected publishers in the field. The two primary goals: to provide rock-solid information from authorities in the field, and to allow African Americans to speak for themselves through a wealth of primary sources. Drawing on over 300 titles, and designed under the guidance of leading librarians, this database gives voice to the black experience from its African origins to the present day. Users may use African-American Experience within the library or by remote access.

> Go to: **RCPL** (**http://www.myrcpl.com**)
> Click on: **Research & Learning**
> Click on: ***Research Tools***
> Click on: ***History***
> Scroll down to: ***African-American Experience***
> Click On: ***inside the library*** OR ***home access***

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

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1. **Who was Mary McLeod Bethune?**
   - ❑ Type 'Mary McLeod Bethune' in the Quick Search box at the left
   - ❑ Click on the yellow arrow

2. **I need a picture of Billie Holiday.**
   - ❑ Click on Advanced Search
   - ❑ Type 'Billie Holiday' in the first *advanced search* box (all of these words)
   - ❑ Click on the radio button next to 'Images'
   - ❑ Click on *Search*

3. **I am looking for information about Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" speech.**
   - ❑ Click on *Advanced Search*
   - ❑ Type 'Martin Luther King Jr' in the first search box (all of these words)
   - ❑ Type 'I Have a Dream' in the second search box (and this exact phrase)
   - ❑ Click on *Search*

4. **I need primary documents from the Reconstruction era.**
   - ❑ Click on *Advanced Search*
   - ❑ Type 'Reconstruction' in the first search box
   - ❑ Click on the radio button next to *Primary Documents*
   - ❑ Click on *Search*

5. **I need websites with information about the NAACP.**
   - ❑ Type 'naacp' in the quick search box
   - ❑ Click on *GO*
   - ❑ Click on the *other resources* tab at the top of the page

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6. I am writing a paper about an African-American author. I need to choose an author, and find biographical information.

❑ Click on *Advanced Search*
❑ Click on *BROWSE* at the top right of the screen
❑ Click on *Literature* in the first column
❑ Click on *Authors* in the first column
❑ Click on *Biography* in the second column
❑ Click on a name in the third column for more information about that author

(Note: When using the browse feature, there may be a brief pause between steps as the screen refreshes.)