



## **National History Day Research Resources Reference Services Department**

Topic: The Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference: Leading the Civil Rights  
Movement

### **Print Resources**

Fairclough, Adam. *To Redeem the Soul of America: The Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Martin Luther King, Jr.* Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1987.

Garrow, David J. *Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.* New York: Perennial Classics, 2004.

Long, Michael G. (ed.). *I Must Resist: Bayard Rustin's Life in Letters.* San Francisco: City Lights, 2012.

Morris, Aldon. *The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement: Black Communities Organizing.* New York: Free Press, 1984.

Peake, Thomas R. *Keeping the Dream Alive: A History of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.* New York: Lang, 1987.

Ransby, Barbara. *Ella Baker & the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003.

Williams, Juan. *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965.* New York: Viking, 1987. (also PBS documentary of the same title)

**Please note:** Bibliographies and reference lists are a goldmine of clues for student researchers. Following the lead of scholars isn't cheating. It's standard practice. With an exact citation, it's easier to find a particular source document that another historian has used than it is with Google.

## **Prospector and Interlibrary Loan**

Prospector: <http://prospectorhome.coalliance.org/>

Prospector is a unified catalog of academic, public and special libraries in Colorado, Wyoming and Missouri. For items not available at the Denver Public Library, search here first. Items can take 1-2 weeks to arrive.

WorldCat: <http://www.denverlibrary.org/content/didnt-find-it>

Use this national and international catalog to search for items not available at the Denver Public Library. You must fill out a one-time Request It registration to place Interlibrary Loan requests. These requests may take two - three weeks to arrive.

## **Databases/Digital Resources**

To access the Denver Public Library databases:

[www.denverlibrary.org](http://www.denverlibrary.org)

Click on the "Research" tab

Click on "Databases A-Z"

Database suggestions:

America: History and Life

Gale Virtual Reference Library

New York Times Historical Backfile

Reader's Guide Retrospective

## **Keywords for Catalog and Database Searching**

African Americans—Civil Rights

Southern States—Race Relations

Negroes (note: this was the term used at the time)

Montgomery Bus Boycott, 1955-56

Selma, Ala.

March on Washington, 1963

Poor People's Campaign

## **Primary Sources**

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute: <http://www.bcri.org/>

King Library and Archives: <http://www.thekingcenter.org/archive>

National Museum of African American History and Culture: <http://nmaahc.si.edu/>

## **Internet Resources**

### **Purdue University Online Writing Lab (Purdue OWL)**

MLA Formatting and Style Guide

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Annotated Bibliography

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>

## **Google Searching**

By adding [site:gov] or [site:edu] to a Google search, you will return only government or academic webpages.

By adding [-.com] to a search, you will remove .com sites from your returned results.

Put quotation marks around words "[any word]" to search for an exact phrase in an exact order.

For more advanced Google searching tips, visit:

<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/136861>

Resources and research assistance provided by Denver Public Library Reference Services Department, 720-865-1363. We are available to help students with research projects. Drop in at the reference desk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the [Central Library](#), contact us live online with the [Ask Us](#) service, or [make an appointment](#) to work one-on-one with a librarian.