AMERICAN HISTORY

BOOKS

LIBRARY ONLINE CATALOG
Search for books by author, title, keyword or subject in the Maple Woods Library online catalog at www.mcckc.edu/library/maple-woods. Click on Maple Woods Library Catalog. A link on the library online catalog page connects to the shared library online catalog for MOBIUS, a network of academic libraries in Missouri that includes Maple Woods. Request books online from other libraries at no charge.

92 - Biography
970 - History of North America
973 - U.S. History
977.8 - Missouri History
977.84 - Kansas City Missouri History

ONLINE DATABASES

African-American History Online  Features primary sources, subject entries, biographies, timelines, maps, and images.

American History Online  Find primary sources, encyclopedic entries, biographies, timelines, and images covering 500 years.

American Indian History Online  Covers more than 500 Native American groups through primary sources, articles, biographies, tribe index, legends, maps, and images.

American Women’s History Online  Searchable by topic or era, with primary sources, articles, biographies, maps, and images.

Films on Demand  Access videos on a wide variety of subjects.

FMG Archival Films & Newsreels Collection

HeritageQuest Online  Search the complete US Federal Census from 1790-1940. Also includes Revolutionary War Records, Freedman’s Bank, city directories, and genealogy and local history books and periodicals.

JSTOR  An archived database of full-text articles from academic journals in many fields, including history and ethnic studies. Use “Advanced search” to narrow your search by a discipline.

Latino American Experience  Explores the Hispanic culture and history from precontact Aztec and Maya societies to 21st Century political issues and cultural themes, with reference materials, scholarly essays, and primary documents.

Modern World History Online  Coverage of World History from the mid-15th century to the present, so will cover American History from founding to present time. Includes biographies, events, topics and primary source materials.

Mid-Continent Library  Has many databases available to card holders including the Historic KC Star database. Click on Research and Learning then search in “Search Keywords” for Kansas City Star.
**PRIMARY SOURCES**

Primary sources, sometimes referred to as primary documents, are very important in history research. Written during or immediately after an event, they can take the form of diaries, journals, letters, eyewitness accounts, interviews, oral histories, and speeches. Official documents such as laws, court decisions, treaties, party platforms, and constitutions are also primary sources. For more information, see our handouts on primary sources.

**PERIODICALS**


*American History* Current year + 1 year back

*New York Times* Sunday edition only – kept for 6 weeks. Daily and Sunday issues older than six weeks are on microfilm beginning with 1851.

*Smithsonian* Current year + 1 year back

Microfilm Collection:  
*Ebony* 1959-2012  
*Ramparts* 1962-1975  
*Look* 1960-1972  
*The Kansas City Star* 1974-2011  
*Newsweek* 1940-current  
*Time* 1923-current

**INTERNET SITES**


*American Memory (Library of Congress):* Has primary source materials on many topics.

*Avalon Project: Documents in Law, History, and Diplomacy.* Primary sources.

*Disunion:* Using contemporary accounts, diaries, and historical assessment this site is all about the Civil War. Click on “Show More” at the bottom of the list of topics.

*History.com:* The History Channel site. Has some primary sources. Also good for Culture.

*Kansas City History:* A link to The Kansas City Library’s Missouri Valley Special Collections

Making of America: Primary sources in American social history from the antebellum to reconstruction.

*Cornell*

*University of Michigan*

*Missouri Digital History:* Site is maintained by the Missouri State Archives.