THE AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
A GUIDE TO MATERIALS IN THE BRITISH LIBRARY

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INTRODUCTION

The Eccles Centre for American Studies in the British Library was established in 1991 both to promote the Library’s North American collections through bibliographical guides and exhibitions and to respond to enquiries from students, academics and the general public concerning all aspects of American history, literature and culture.

During the last six years the civil rights movement of the 1950-60s has proved to be one of the most popular areas of research, particularly among undergraduates and sixth-form students. The enquiries have covered many different aspects of the movement: school desegregation, bus boycotts, sit-ins, marches, the involvement of white northern college students, the actions of individuals such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr., and the reactions of white southerners and the federal government.

This guide will facilitate research on these topics and many others. It includes not only books and periodical articles which are housed in the Library’s humanities collections at St Pancras and the Document Supply Centre (DSC) at Boston Spa, but also newspaper and news magazine articles which are located at the British Library Newspaper Library at Colindale. The shelf-marks for the former appear in parentheses at the end of each entry while the latter may be identified by the notation BLNL.
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