

New Orleans Library Resources

Charles C. Myers Library has many books & films related to New Orleans on topics ranging from Hurricane Katrina to the great legends of jazz music. Below is a small sampling.

For more, search for particular topics at www.dbq.edu/library (Find Books and Media search box).

Films

All listed films are on reserve and must remain in the library. They may be viewed in the Media Room, L207. Ask at the Circulation Desk.

The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman

The history of blacks in the South as seen through the eyes of a 110-year-old former slave. Originally produced as a television movie in 1973. Based on the novel of the same title by Ernest J. Gaines.

The Big Easy

A criminal's murder triggers a bloody gangland drug war. A saucy blend of New Orleans nightlife, romance and suspense. Originally produced as a motion picture in 1986. Stars Dennis Quaid, Ellen Barkin, Ned Beatty.

Eve's Bayou

Roz Batiste is a beautiful and dedicated mother of three, who is forced to admit that her family is falling apart due to her philandering husband Louis. Her younger daughter, Eve, witnesses one of her father's infidelities. Struggling to make sense of what she has seen, Eve turns to her older sister Cisely, who dismisses her in fear of the truth, and then to her Aunt Mozelle, a known psychic and rumored black widow. Unable to find the understanding she is looking for Eve decides to take matters into her own hands. For the Batiste family, the ties that bind may not be strong enough to keep them together, and what they learn will change their lives forever.

Inside Hurricane Katrina

Takes you inside Hurricane Katrina to shed new light on the fateful decisions of those in charge - and the desperate struggles of those fighting to survive the awesome impact of one of nature's ultimate weapons of mass destruction. Originally produced by National Geographic in 2005.

Jazz

Ken Burns series. 10 episodes tracing the history of jazz from its roots in the African-American community of New Orleans to its heights and continuing presence.

Legends of jazz with Ramsey Lewis

Celebrated music series presenting lively conversations and performances by some of the biggest stars in jazz. Includes DVDs and CDs.

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One Christmas

Eight-year-old Buddy finds himself in New Orleans spending the holidays with his estranged father. Buddy dreams of finding Santa, a snow-covered New Orleans and a new relationship with his father. Based on Truman Capote's story of the same title. Stars Katharine Hepburn, Henry Winkler, and Swoosie Kurtz.

Ruby Bridges

When bright six year old Ruby is chosen to be the first African-American to integrate her local New Orleans elementary school, she is subjected to the true ugliness of racism for the very first time. Originally broadcast on television in 1999. Based on events in the life of Ruby Bridges.

Storm that Drowned a City

Featuring eyewitness testimony, Nova takes an in-depth look at what made Hurricane Katrina so deadly and analyzes how, despite technically sophisticated flood and storm defenses, this event has resulted in unprecedented destruction for the Gulf Coast. "Storm That Drowned a City" is NOVA's definitive investigation into the science of Hurricane Katrina, combining a penetrating analysis of what went wrong with a dramatic, minute-by-minute unfolding of events told through eyewitness testimony.

Supplemental materials available online at: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/orleans/>

A Streetcar named Desire

Set in the French Quarter of New Orleans during the restless years following WWII, this is a story of Blanche DuBois, a fragile and neurotic woman on a desperate prowl for someplace in the world to call her own. Based upon the original play by Tennessee Williams, as presented on the stage by Irene Mayer Selznick. Originally released as a motion picture in 1951.

Books

The following books may be checked out. This is just a sampling, so librarians recommend searching for particular topics at www.dbq.edu/library (Find Books and Media search box).

History

Bennett, James B. Religion and the Rise of Jim Crow in New Orleans. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2005.

F 379 .N59 N4 2005

Long, Alecia P. The Great Southern Babylon: Sex, Race, and Respectability in New Orleans, 1865-1920. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2005.

HQ 146 .N6 L66 2005

Rogers, Kim Lacy. Righteous Lives: Narratives of the New Orleans Civil Rights Movement. New York, NY: New York University Press, 1993.

F 379 .N49 N4 1993

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Music & Culture

Armstrong, Louis. Satchmo: My life in New Orleans. Cambridge, MA: Da Capo Press, 1986.
ML 419 .A75 A3 1986

Brothers, Thomas David. Louis Armstrong's New Orleans. New York, NY:
W.W. Norton, 2006.
ML 419 .A75 B78 2006

Burns, Mick. Keeping the Beat on the Street: The New Orleans Brass Band Renaissance.
Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2006.
ML 1311.8 .N48 B87 2006

Gushee, Lawrence. Pioneers of Jazz: The Story of the Creole Band. New York, NY: Oxford
University Press, 2005.
ML 421 .O72 G87 2005

Hannusch, Jeff. The Soul of New Orleans: A Legacy of Rhythm and Blues. Ville Platte, LA:
Swallow Publications, 2001.
ML 3521 .H36 2001

Kirchner, Bill. The Oxford Companion to Jazz. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.
ML 3507 .O94 2000

Reich, Howard and William Gaines. Jelly's Blues: the Life, Music, and Redemption of Jelly Roll
Morton. Cambridge, MA: Da Capo, 2004.
ML 410 .M67 R45 2004

Schindler, Henri. Mardi Gras Treasures: Jewelry of the Golden Age. Gretna, LA: Pelican
Publishing Co., 2006.
NK 7312 .S33 2006

Yanow, Scott. Jazz: a Regional Exploration. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2005.
ML 3508 .Y39 2005

Literature

Chopin, Kate. Complete Novels and Stories. New York: Library of America, 2002.
PS 1294 .C63 A15 2002

Chopin, Kate. Kate Chopin's private papers. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998.
Electronic book: search by title in library catalog & follow link provided.

Dickinson, Joy. Haunted City: An Unauthorized Guide to the Magical, Magnificent New
Orleans of Anne Rice. Secaucus, N J: Citadel Press, 2004.
PS 3568 .I265 Z63 2004

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Fletcher, Joel L. Ken and Thelma: Story of Confederacy of Dunces. Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing Company, Incorporated, 2005.

PS 3570 .O54 C6634 2005

Rice, Anne. Interview with the Vampire. New York, NY: Ballantine Books, 1997.

PS 3568 .I265 I58 1997

Rice, Anne. The Witching Hour. New York: Knopf, 1990.

PS3568.I265 W5 1990

Toole, John Kennedy. A Confederacy of Dunces. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 1980.

PS3570.O54 C66 1980, (new edition: **PS 3570 .O54 C66 2000**)

Hurricane Katrina

Andrews, Heather, Tameika Ashford, Joshua Bowen, and Brandon Cooper. That Rough Beast, Its Hour Come Round at Last: A History of Hurricane Katrina. Hunstville, TX: Texas Review Press, 2007.

On order

Bergal, Jenni, Sara Shipley Hiles, Frank Koughan, and John McQuaid. City Adrift: New Orleans Before and After Katrina. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2007.

HV 636 2005 .N4 C58 2007

Berry, Jason, Toni McGee Causey, Colleen Mondor, and David Rutledge. Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans? Seattle, WA: Chin Music Press, 2006.

F 379 .N55 D6 2006

Brinkley, Douglas. The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. New York, NY: Morrow, 2006.

HV 636 2005 .L8 B75 2006

Brunsma, David L. The Sociology of Katrina: Perspectives on a Modern Catastrophe. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Incorporated, 2007.

On order

Castellanos, Henry C., Judith Kelleher Schafer and George F. Reinecke. New Orleans As It Was: Episodes of Louisiana Life. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2006.

F 379 .N557 C28 2006

Clark, Joshua. Heart Like Water: Surviving Katrina and Life in Its Disaster Zone. New York, NY: Free Press (Simon and Schuster), 2007

HV 636 2005 .N4 C595 2007

Colten, Craig E. An Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2006.

GF 504 .L8 C65 2006

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Dyson, Michael Eric. Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and The Color of Disaster. New York, NY: Basic Civitas, 2006.

F 379 .N5 D97 2006

Horne, Jed. Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of a Great American City. New York, NY: Random House, 2006.

HV 636 2005 .N4 H66 2006

Inglese, Demaree, MD. And Diana Gallagher. No Ordinary Heroes: 8 Doctors, 30 Nurses, 7,000 Prisoners and a Category 5 Hurricane. New York, NY: Kensington Publishing Corporation, 2007.

HV 9481 .N562 N49 2007

Marable, Manning and Kristen Clarke. Seeking Higher Ground: The Hurricane Katrina Crisis, Race, and Public Policy Reader (Critical Black Studies). New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

On order

McQuaid, John and Mark Schleifstein. Path of Destruction: The Devastation of New Orleans and the Coming Age of Superstorms. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Co., 2006.

HV 636 2005 .L8 M37 2006

Olasky, Marvin N. The Politics of Disaster: Katrina, Big Government, and a New Strategy for Future Crises. New York, NY: W Publishing Group, 2006.

HV 555 .U6 O43 2006

Potter, Hillary, (Ed.). Racing the Storm: Racial Implications and Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2007.

HV 636 2005 .N4 R33 2007

Redmond, Robert. The Katrina Puzzle: America's Disgrace. Parker, CO: Outskirts Press, Inc., 2007.

HV 636 2005 .L8 R43 2007

Rose, Chris. 1 Dead in Attic: After Katrina. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 2007.

HV 636 2005 .L8 R67 2007

Schaefer, Mikel and Douglas Brinkley. Lost in Katrina. Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing Company, Incorporated, 2007.

HV 636 2005 .L8 S33 2007

Sothorn, Billy. Down in New Orleans: Reflections from a Drowned City. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2007.

HV 636 2005 .L8 S68 2007

The Times-Picayune. The Times-Picayune Katrina: The Ruin and Recovery of New

HV 636 2005 .L6 T56 2006

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