Black history resources at The Historic New Orleans Collection

From blog posts to videos to oral histories, The Historic New Orleans Collection offers a variety of ways to learn more about Black history and culture throughout the Gulf South. Click each image to explore a different destination.

First Draft

The First Draft blog at hnoc.org features an ever-expanding roster of posts on many topics of interest to visitors and local alike. Learn about music icons, Carnival traditions, civil rights pioneers, and more.

YouTube

Visit THNOC’s YouTube channel to see – and hear – the stories of Black Masking Indians, revolutionary 19th-century Afro-Creole poets, and musicians who put the beat on the street.

Research resources

THNOC’s website hosts an array of educational and entertaining databases and webpages detailing the histories of social aid and pleasure clubs, newspaper advertisements seeking loved ones lost in slavery, an interactive map of the coastal slave trade, and a 10-year timeline of Hurricane Katrina’s aftermath.

Virtual exhibitions

THNOC’s exhibition experience extends far beyond our walls. Virtually tour the stories of the fight for women’s right to vote in New Orleans, the domestic slave trade, and the madams and music of Storyville.

Oral histories

In this research collection, the voices of primary sources share first-person accounts of the civil rights movement in New Orleans, the early local response to COVID-19, and the stories of Hurricane Katrina first responders.