African-American Art and Artists: A Pathfinder
Mid-Manhattan Library Art Collection

Books
Monographs on Notable Artists
Books on individual artists can be found by searching under the artist’s name in the LEO Catalog. The following are some of famous African American artists: Romare Bearden, Gordon Parks, Jacob Lawrence, James Van der Zee, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Henry Ossawa Tanner, Robert Stuart Duncanson, Betye Saar, Faith Ringgold, Elizabeth Catlett, Horace Pippin, Martin Puryear, Aaron Douglas, John T. Biggers, etc.

Searchable Subject Headings
Afro-American art, Afro-American artists, Afro-Americans in art, Blacks in art, Afro-American women artists, Afro-American painters, Afro-American photographers, etc.

Indexes

Bibliography


Biography


History


Exhibitions and Interviews

**Women Artists**


**Image of Blacks in Art**

*The Image of the Black in Western Art.* Fribourg: Office du livre, 1976. (704.9493 I)


**Collectors and Collecting**


**Fashion**


**Photography**


**VERTICAL FILES**

Consult the Librarian at the Art Information Desk for vertical file materials on individual artists that may include exhibition catalogues, newspaper clippings, etc.

**VIDEOS**

Search The LEO Catalog by subject such as Afro-American artists - video recordings, Afro-American art -video recordings, or by key word such as “Bearden video.”

**PERIODICAL ARTICLES**

“Art Index” for articles published since September 1984 on CD-ROM and in print form since 1929. In print form in “Artbibliographies Modern,” and “BHA: Bibliography of the History of Art.”

**WEB SITES**

African American Artists  
www.usc.edu/library/ref/ethnic/black_art.html  
African American art: an Introduction  
www.satie.arts.usf.edu/~ooguibe/afroam.htm  
African-Americans in the Visual Arts: A Historical Perspective  
www.liunet.edu/cwis/cwp/library/aavaahp.htm  
Art in Context  
www.artincontext.com

**OTHER COLLECTIONS**

Picture Collection, Mid-Manhattan Library, 3rd floor for images arranged by subject.  
History and Social Sciences Department, Mid-Manhattan Library, 5th floor.  
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 515 Malcolm X Blvd 10037. Tel: 491-2200.
For centuries, African American artists have helped shape the visual culture of the United States. Often channeling their familial backgrounds and personal experiences in their work, these creative figures have influenced and inspired much of American art’s evolution. Unfortunately, throughout history—and beyond—artists of color have not aptly been recognized for their talents, achievements, and contributions. This has culminated in a popular history of art paved mostly by white artists. Fortunately, however, contemporary audiences are becoming increasingly interested in African American art. African American art can be defined simply as visual art, whether a painting, sculpture, photograph, or drawing, produced by an African American artist. These artists all bring their individual and rich experiences to their artwork and often reveal information about the culture and time in which their art was created.

A pathfinder is a list of resources available at the library that may help you in your research of a specific topic. These resources include books, websites, databases, and periodicals. This pathfinder is a list of some of the resources available at the Central Branch that will foster an understanding of major African American artists, their artwork, and the historical and cultural contexts of their art.