



Hamilton College Library News

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New Resource! Black Studies Center

The [Black Studies Center](#) is a full text and image collection of primary and secondary sources documenting the African-American experience, the wider African Diaspora, and Africa itself. The center is comprised of several cross-searchable databases featuring scholarly essays, journal and newspaper articles, images, and multimedia content. Also included is an index to fiction, poetry and literary reviews published in black periodicals and newspapers dating back to 1827.

Our subscription also includes the complete contents and original layout of five important African American newspapers.

[Baltimore Afro-American, 1893-1988](#)

[Chicago Defender, 1910-1975](#)

[Los Angeles Sentinel, 1934-2005](#)

[New York Amsterdam News, 1922-1993](#)

[Pittsburgh Courier, 1911-2002](#)

Links to the Black Studies Center or its component parts are included in our [subject guides](#) for Africana Studies, English, and U.S. History. There are additional links in our guides to finding [primary sources](#) and [literary criticism](#).

A note about printing PDFs from this database on Macs at Hamilton:

Mac Users: If a pdf link fails to open the document, save the pdf to your desktop, open Adobe Reader, and then open the pdf from within Adobe Reader. This will be corrected when campus computers are re-imaged for the spring semester.

Fall Break Hours

Wed., October 14 - Sun., October 18, 2009

Wednesday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday 1:00 pm - Midnight

Regular hours resume Mon., October 19, 2009



Track the Status of Your Interlibrary Loan Materials

The library catalog, ALEX, now lets you track the status of your interlibrary loan materials. You can login to your library account, locate the "Find Borrows" section of your account page, and click on the button under "View ILL Status." A new window will open for your ILL Statuses page, where you can see the date we received your items and your due dates. You can also request a renewal of interlibrary loan materials from the ILL Statuses page.

If you have questions about your interlibrary loan requests, please contact the Interlibrary Loan Department at 315-859-4484 (askill@hamilton.edu) or Kari Szymanski, Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Supervisor, at 315-859-4479 (kszymans@hamilton.edu).

Research and Course Guides Available

[Research and Course Guides](#) can be found on the library Web pages to help you get started with your research. Research guides are organized by subject. Course guides for particular courses offered during the semester are also available.



Use [RefWorks](#) to create, organize, and store bibliographic references.

References can be imported from ALEX (the library catalog) and most other databases, or entered manually one-by-one.

The references can be formatted for bibliographies in many style formats (e.g., APA, MLA, Chicago Manual of Style, etc.).

Please contact a [reference librarian](#) if you need assistance using RefWorks.

We Don't Own the Book or Article You Need? Make an Interlibrary Loan Request

If we don't own or have ready access to materials you need for your research, you can order it through our [Interlibrary Loan](#) services.

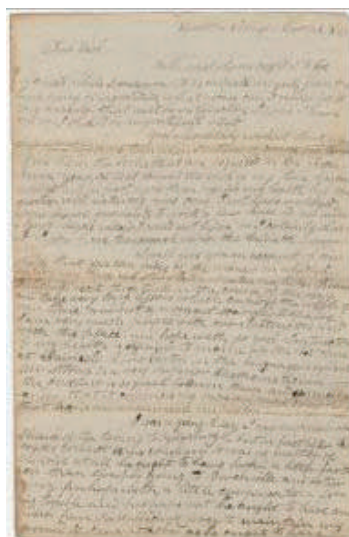
Place a book or journal article [request](#) by logging in to the library catalog and filling out the request form. You can also get to the form by clicking the "Find It" button in any library database and selecting "By Interlibrary Loan."

Materials typically take 2-5 days to arrive. Books can be picked up in the library, while articles will be sent to your email account.

News from the Archives— 1813 Letter Home

In March, 1813, Charles Ford, class of 1816, wrote a letter to his uncle, in which he discusses the British capture of his hometown, Ogdensburg, NY, in the War of 1812, and the conduct of Major Forsyth there. Ford also accuses himself of "the base crime of ingratitude" for not writing home more often, but cites the lack of time, because "we study Latin Mathematics Roman Antiquities recite three times in the course of the day and take very long lessons which employs the whole of our time and not a moment scarcely to spare."

A year later Charles Ford was the first student to be expelled from the college, in June, 1814, for "several crimes and misdemeanors: particularly Drunkenness, Fraud, and Lying," according to the resolution enacting his expulsion. He eventually made good, however; he studied medicine with another uncle and received an MD from Columbia in 1819.



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Don't forget to check the Library blog, [From the Lion's Mouth](#), for updated library news and information!

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