This brochure is one in a series of pamphlets that collectively list and briefly describe more than 140 items in this evolving collection.

Donations from Robert C. Hayden inspired the collation of books celebrating African American arts, political activities, historical movements, and significant figures. Hayden was a senior Lecturer at U MASS Boston, Northeastern University, Boston College, and Lesley University, spanning from 1978 to 2006 and is President Emeritus of the local branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), established in 2002.

The collection does not contain fiction or autobiographical titles nor is it exhaustive of the library’s existing holdings related to this special collection.

The town of Oak Bluffs has a rich history as a time-honored black summer community, supporting African American arts & culture. Continuing to pique the interest of both historians and members of the general public, some materials within this collection describe local historic sites and tours, which juxtapose the contributions of and the injustices suffered by African Americans on the island dating back to the 1700s. The bulk of the collection allows for cultural connections between the island and Black America.
AFRICAN AMERICAN 322.42 SHIH
*The Black Panthers: Portraits from an Unfinished Revolution*  
(Shih, Bryan & Williams, Yohuru)
Gives a grassroots account of the Panthers through interviews, essays and photographs. "[Offers] the reader a view of the party from the bottom up by focusing on the rank-and-file members responsible for its day-to-day operations..." -- from the Preface.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 323.1196 BLACK
*Black Power 50*  
(Diour, Sylviane A. & Woodard, Komozi)
A compelling introduction to this pivotal movement. Includes original interviews with key figures, essays from today's leading Black Power scholars, and more than 100 stunning images.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 323.1196 FUTURES
*Futures Of Black Radicalism*  
(Johnson, Theresa Gaye & Lubin, Alex)
Key intellectuals recall the powerful tradition of Black radicalism while defining new directions for the activists and thinkers it inspires.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 364.134 TYSON
*The Blood Of Emmett Till*  
(Tyson, Timothy B.)
Reexamines the 1955 lynching of Emmett Till and draws on a wealth of new evidence, including a shocking admission of Till’s innocence from the woman in whose name he was killed.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973.05 DUBOIS
*The Gift Of Black Folk: The Negroes in the Making of America*  
(DuBois, W.E.B.)
Recounts the history of African Americans and their many unsung contributions to American society, including pivotal roles played in early exploration and agriculture, courage on the battlefields, and creative genius in virtually every aspect of American culture.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 973.05 OBAMA
*The Audacity Of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream*  
(Obama, Barack)
The 44th president presents his vision for America's place in the world and how we can move beyond our divisions to tackle concrete problems, along with candid accounts of family life and his time in the U.S. Senate.