

## Welcome to the BU Libraries!

[www.bu.edu/library](http://www.bu.edu/library)

We are open to the public, so feel free to browse and consult our collections.

Do keep in mind that services such as borrowing books, accessing electronic resources, use of the computers and printing documents are for BU members only.

### \* Computer Access

There are four public computers located on the first floor of Mugar Library, in front and to the left of the circulation desk.

There are also 2 computers available for use in the African Studies Library's Reading Room. Ask staff for assistance logging in.

### \* Internet Access

Access [is](#) available via the network: **BU Guest**

Select the network called "**BU Guest (Unencrypted)**" from your list of available networks.

Once connected, open up a website and try navigating to a web site. You will be redirected to <https://safeconnect.bu.edu:9443> for registration. Click on **request guest account**

### \* Scanning & Printing Services

Several BU libraries provide free use of our scanners.

Our self-service machines are touch-screen devices with clear instructions. Scanned pages are converted to a pdf that can be saved to a USB flash drive or emailed as an attachment.

Self-service photocopiers are also available at a cost of \$0.10 per page, payable by coins or bills.

## Visit the African Studies Library...

The African Studies Library is located on the 6th floor of Mugar Library & accessible by the North elevator (closest to the circulation desk).

### We are open to the public!

#### Mugar Library Hours:

Monday to Thursday, 7AM — 2AM

Friday, 8AM — 11AM

Sat., 8AM—11PM & Sun., 10AM —2AM

#### African Studies Library Hours:

Monday to Friday, 9AM—5PM

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**Our library is much more than just the content on our website...**

We have special collections, including:

- **"JDocs" & African Docs Collections** ~ collections of African government documents
- **Rare Books Collection** ~ old & rare books dating back to the 1800's.
- Approx. 1,500 **maps on Africa**.
- **Pamphlet collection** containing 1,300 newsletters, brochures, reports, etc.

### We are here at the library to help you!!

#### Also visit: the Teaching Africa Library

Located at the African Studies Center, this library is geared towards **teachers and children**, with well over 1,000 books for ages 1-16. They also own an extensive DVD collection.

**232 Bay State Road**

**Boston, MA 02215**

**617-353-7303 [Africa@bu.edu](mailto:Africa@bu.edu)**

**[www.bu.edu/africa/outreach/about-outreach/](http://www.bu.edu/africa/outreach/about-outreach/)**

## Guide to the African Studies Library for Non-BU Patrons Fall 2015



Entrance to the African Studies Library, Boston University, 2014.

### African Studies Library

6th floor, Mugar Memorial Library  
771 Commonwealth Ave.  
Boston, MA 02215  
Tel. 617-353-3726

<http://www.bu.edu/library/african-studies>

## As you begin research on Africa

### **Some tips to keep in mind :**

\*Resources are often rare or difficult to locate, but can be found in the most surprising places.

\* The majority of the Africana collection is located on the 6th floor of Mugar Memorial Library, but materials may be located throughout the BU Libraries. Other libraries may include Mugar (lower levels), Theology Library, the Pardee Management Library, etc.

\*Resources may exist , but in other languages, such as French, Portuguese, Swahili, Arabic, etc.

\*Information may be biased depending on who the author /publisher is.

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### **As you begin using the BU Libraries Search:**

\* BU members have access to electronic materials via log-in. To access these resources , request assistance from library staff.

\* Not everything is searchable via the catalog; the African Studies Library has several special collections that must be searched in person.

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### **Want to borrow a book that we own?**

**Worldcat.org** is a useful place to search for the title. Worldcat lets you see which libraries in your area own the book. Perhaps your library already does.

**Inter-Library Loan:** If you are affiliated with a college or university, contact their library's Inter-Library Loan office and place a request with them. It may be helpful to tell them where you found the title.

## Research tips as you decide on a topic.

\* **Be specific if you can.** For example,  
Searching *Kenya churches* yielded 1,500+ results.  
*Kenya Pentecostal churches* yielded 102 results (and can be narrowed down even further)

\* **Use variations in spellings, names & keywords.**  
Cities and countries are a good example:  
*"Delagoa Bay" → "Lourenço Marques" → Maputo*  
*Tanganyika → Tanzania*  
Use synonyms: "trypanosomiasis", "nagana",  
"sleeping sickness"

\***Search acronyms and full spellings (You will get different results!)** For example:  
ART vs. "Anti-retroviral therapy"  
UN vs. "United Nations"  
ANC vs. "African National Congress"

*Use "quotation marks" when you search a phrase.*  
*Use all variations in your BU Libraries Search!!*

\* **Look for associated terms or events around your topic and trying using them as keywords.**

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### \* **African Pamphlet Collection**

The pamphlet collection is not searchable in the online catalog, but you are welcome to browse the boxes. Known as "gray literature", this fascinating collection contains tourist guides, magazines, brochures, maps, newsletters, etc.

\* **Map Collection:** Maps can be revealing in what they do and do not show. They illustrate growth & development over time.  
<http://www.bu.edu/library/african-studies/research/maps/>

\* **Newspapers serve as a valuable record of events and social issues of a country or a city.**

For a listing of online newspapers , as well as the print and microfilm titles and coverage we have available, visit:  
<http://www.bu.edu/library/asl/currentevents/index.html>

## Locating Resources Online:

For a growing list of online resources, visit our research guide: **African Digital Collections Online**  
<http://www.bu.edu/library/guide/african-digital-collections-online/>

### **Some examples of collections online include:**

- **Africa South of the Sahara: Guide to Internet Resources** <http://www.sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/>  
Guides to selected internet sites about Africa on a wide range of topics. *Note that some links are broken.*
- **African Online Digital Library** (Michigan State) <http://www.aodl.org/> A portal to various multimedia collections about Africa.

**Take advantage of images and video. The internet is a rich repository of resources...**

- **Internet Archive** [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)  
Provides full-text access to many old travel accounts and memoirs, available as e-books.  
  
Film, audio, images are also available. (Note: Many of the titles in our Rare Books Collection have been digitized and are available on this site.)

### **Look for information in seemingly unlikely places...**

Increasingly archives are using sites like [Flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com) to display digital photo collections, or even [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com) for film.

