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Primary Source Digital Collections

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• **African American Historical Series Collection**
Newsletters, magazines and other publications related to African American life, culture and religion in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Topics include slavery and abolition, education and employment, charitable work, churches and more.

• **Arte Público Hispanic Historical Collection: Series 1 & 2**
Sourced from the University of Houston’s Arte Público Press, the largest independent publisher of Latino-Hispanic material in the United States, this collection is part of the *U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project*. Approximately 80 percent of the content is in Spanish, and the rest is in English.
  - **Series 1 (late 17th to late 20th centuries)**
    This introductory collection to Latino-Hispanic history is told through newspaper and magazine articles, poetry, essays, editorials, short stories, books, pamphlets and more.
  - **Series 2 (late 19th to late 20th centuries)**
    This rare collection focuses on three major areas:
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• **American Theological Library Association Historical Book Collection**
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