



ArchivesSpace

ArchivesSpace for Reference



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The Objectives

- Supply alternative ways archivists can use ArchivesSpace for reference
- Provide attendees with resources to take back to their institutions
- Highlight ways to teach researchers how to use ArchivesSpace PUI

Google Indexing

Researchers don't know archives

Researchers want to be independent

The Problem



Two Tracks for Solutions

Teach users to
understand archives
& ArchivesSpace
better

Use ArchivesSpace to
maximize research
capabilities

Thoughts to Consider

Who is your researcher?

- What's their experience level?
- What do they want?
- How much are they willing to invest?

What is your staff situation?

- Does each person have a specific role?
- Who do you need in the room (or on the Zoom call) to make decisions?

What's your workflow?

- Are there staff or administrative hurdles?
- Is your instance hosted?
- Do you have technical hurdles?

Ways to Help Your Researchers

Add info to your ArchivesSpace landing page or website

Primer on archives/archival terminology

Be dynamic! Add a video or PDF

Easy access to archivists - make contact info easily accessible

Describe the various entry points

Show Advanced Search options, including Boolean phases



Welcome to ArchivesSpace

Search across our collections, digital materials, and more.

Search The Archives

Years:

To



Search

<http://sandbox.archivesspace.org/public/>

What Can Archivists Do?

- Metadata!
- Digital Objects
- Cater towards your researchers and your institution



How Can ArchivesSpace Fields Help?

Subject/Agent Records

Helps when researchers want to see all records on specific person, organization, or subject

Notes Fields

Lots of wiggle room here to add plethora of information

Accession Records

Gives context, even if Resource Records aren't available yet

Classifications

Group materials to help researchers better grasp materials

Customized Public User Interface

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Finding Aids



Collections Digital Materials Subjects Names Help

Search The Archives

Search

Welcome to the Archives Research Center

About the Archives Research Center

The Archives Research Center's collections primarily document the African American experience through civil rights, race relations, education, literature, visual and performing arts, religion, politics, and social work. The holdings include books, manuscript collections, digital collections, and materials documenting the Atlanta University Center schools, as well as the African American and African Diasporic experience. The core of our manuscript holdings are built upon the Atlanta University Trevor Arnett Library's Negro Collection. These resources contain letters, photographs, writings, yearbooks, programs, minutes, and much more. Under the auspices of the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library, the archival and manuscript holdings continue to develop and expand.

Guide to Searching Archives



<http://findingaids.auctr.edu/>

Analytics

Assessments

Surveys

User Studies

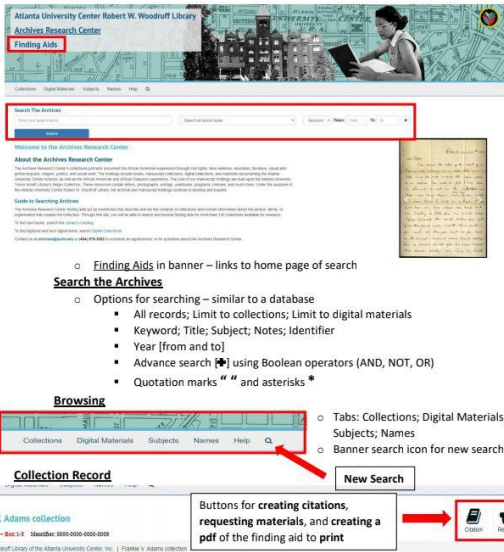
Website Traffic

Resources

bit.ly/2W02rJr

Archives Research Center Finding Aids Quick Reference

Home Page



Search the Archives

○ **Finding Aids** in banner – links to home page of search

Search the Archives

- Options for searching – similar to a database
 - All records; Limit to collections; Limit to digital materials
 - Keyword; Title; Subject; Notes; Identifier
 - Year [from and to]
 - Advance search **⌘** using Boolean operators (AND, NOT, OR)
 - Quotation marks **"** and asterisks *****

Browsing

- Tabs: Collections; Digital Materials; Subjects; Names
- Banner search icon for new search

Collection Record

Buttons for creating citations, requesting materials, and creating a pdf of the finding aid to print

Tabs for navigating the collection



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