

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARY AT THE

Gregory School

Autumn 2015



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Autumn Commemorations

The start of the school year is a great time to brush up on various aspects of African American history. August is National Black Business Month, and October is National Arts & Humanities Month. The Gregory School has a number of books, archival items, and oral histories that feature African American entrepreneurs, writers, musicians, and thespians. Visit us to learn more about historic African American businesses, the local arts community, and much more.



Archivists' Corner

First known as Colored High, Booker T. Washington High School was established in 1892, and its first class entered in the fall of 1893. Colored High



Old Booker T. Washington High School

Booker T. Washington Junior-Senior High School, was built on the same location. Currently on display is an 1890s ledger book. Visit us to view this and other items in our collection that are related to this historic school.

was the first high school for African Americans in Houston. The school was built on the corner of West Dallas and Frederick Street. By 1927, enrollment exceeded the building's capacity, and a new school, formally named

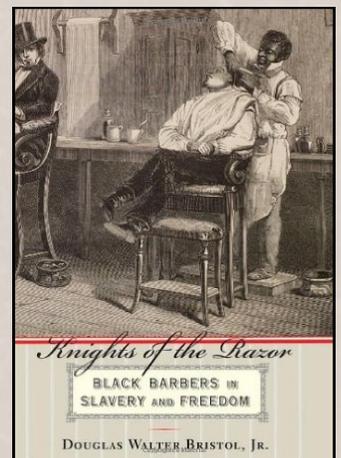
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*Booker T. Washington HS
Marching Band*

The African American Library at the Gregory School serves as a resource and repository to preserve and celebrate the rich history of African Americans in Houston.

Featured Reading



Knights of the Razor
By Douglas Walter
Bristol, Jr.

Facility Hours

Monday - Thursday

10:00 to 6:00

Saturday

10:00 to 5:00

Friday & Sunday

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Walk-In Wednesdays

Every Wednesday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, the Gregory School hosts open hours for individuals who are interested in donating archival items to our collection. Our collections include papers, photos, and books donated by citizens from across the area. People who want to be a part of our oral history collection are also welcome to walk in each Wednesday to discuss potential interview appointments. If you are busy on Wednesdays, you can always call us at (832) 393-1440 or email us at hpl.gregoryschool@houstontx.gov to schedule an appointment to discuss donations and oral histories.



Oral History Spotlight

The entrepreneurial spirit is strong in Houston’s African American community. Our oral history collection includes several interviews on local businesses and businesspeople. Listen to Marketta Rodriguez tell the story of Serious Sounds, the oldest independent African American owned record store in the city.



Video Available Here: <http://bit.ly/1MoteCI>



Community Resources

Meeting Rooms

If you need an elegant meeting space in the Midtown area, the Gregory School has two conference rooms available for reservation. We offer complimentary parking and free wireless internet for laptops and tablets.

Tours

Our gallery spaces offer an excellent history of the Fourth Ward area and African Americans in the greater Houston area.

If your group would like to book a conference room or take a tour of our galleries, please email us at hpl.gregoryschool@houstontx.gov for information.

Autumn Trivia

Which UH Law Professor founded a successful telecommunications company that was sold to AT&T in 2007?

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