

Secret Library blog articles (www.secretlibraryleeds.net)

Leeds Libraries' history and heritage blog, exploring interesting and important books and other items in our stock collections.

Several articles relating to Black History in Leeds:

secretlibraryleeds.net/local-history/leeds-black-history

'The 1981 Uprising' (2019) – Miriam White. Explores the 1981 uprising in Chapeltown

'A Brief History of the African-Caribbean Community in Leeds' (2015) – Antony Ramm

'Pablo is Coming!' (2014). On the Black circus owner, Pablo Fanque, who is buried in Leeds

'People of Leeds #2: Cedric Clarke'. Short account of Leeds' first African-Caribbean Councillor

'Who Was David and Why Should We Remember Him?' (2019) – Nina Whitfield. Biography of the Nigerian-British man David Oluwale, who died in Leeds in 1969.

Other online resources

www.gcfoundation.co.uk. Includes learning resources about the Windrush generation

<https://heritagecornerleeds.com/>. Information about the Leeds Black History Walk. See also this interview:

lucas.leeds.ac.uk/article/the-leeds-black-history-walk-an-interview-with-joe-williams

www.jamaicasocietyleeds.co.uk. Includes Out of Many festival.

rememberoluwale.org. Comprehensive website dedicated to the memory of David Oluwale

Opening times

Monday – 9.00am – 8.00pm

Tuesday – 9.00am – 8.00pm

Weds – 9.00am – 8.00pm

Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Friday – 9.00 – 5.00pm

Saturday – 10.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday - Closed

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Black History

Our Research Guides list some of the most useful, interesting and unique items in **Local and Family History** at **Leeds Central Library**. Many others are listed in our online and card catalogues.

Please note: Items marked * require ID to view.



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History and Fiction (Secondary sources)

- Ad-Liberation (2013) - Sai Murray. Poetry
- Another Crossing (2014) - Khadijah Ibrahiim. Poetry
- Celebrate!: 50 years of Leeds West Indian Carnival (2017) – Guy Farrar
- *Eulogy: Celebrating the Lives and Journeys of First Generation Jamaicans of Leeds No Longer With Us* (2019) – Susan Pitter
- *Foreigners* (2007) – Caryl Phillips. Includes a chapter on David Oluwale
- *The Hounding of David Oluwale* (2007) – Kester Aspden
- *A Journey Through our History: The Story of the Jamaican People in Leeds* (2003) – Melody Walker
- [*“Keep On Moving”: Black Responses to Racism and Government Policy in Chapeltown During the 1980s*](#) (2016) – Tom Woolmore
- *Land of Hope and Glory? The Presence of African, Asian and Caribbean Communities in Leeds* (1993) – ed., Mohsin Zulfikar
- *On The Move: An Introduction to the Migration and Settlement of the Black Communities in Leeds* (1993) – Max Farrar
- *The Struggle for 'Community' in a British Multi-Ethnic Inner-City Area: Paradise in the Making* (2002) – Max Farrar
- *Where's the Water Gone? A Chapeltown Soap Opera: The Story of the Chapeltown Laundry Co-operative* (2000) - Various Authors

Primary Sources (Newscuttings, first-hand accounts, magazines, reports)

- *Chapeltown News* (1972-1976)
- 'Growing Up Black in Leeds' (2003) – Asher Hoyle
- 'Leeds Reggae Comes of Age,' from *Caribbean Times* (1986) - Marina Lewycka
- *Leeds West Indian Carnival: Articles from Local Magazines* (1970 – 1992). Photocopies only

- *Leeds West Indian Carnival Programmes* (irregular coverage – currently only 1990, 2014 and 2017)
- *Living History: Some Biographies from Harehills and Chapeltown* - Leeds City Council, (no date- 1980s)
- *The Politics of Black Youth Workers in Leeds* (1988) – Max Farrar
- *Riot and Revolution: The Politics of an Inner-city* (1981) - Max Farrar
- *A Slice of the Empire: The Afro-Caribbean Community in Leeds* (1985) - Max Farrar
- *'Strangers in our Midst': Report of a Conference convened to study the Relations of White and Coloured People in Leeds* (1955) - Leeds International Council
- *Voice of Chapeltown* (1981-1983)
- *What's New: Chapeltown & Harehills* (1986 onwards – irregular)
- *Passion and Pride: Leeds Celebrating Black Heritage and Culture* (2007)
- *When Our Ship Comes In: Black Women Talk* (1992) - Chapeltown Black Women Writers Group

Other Library resources

- Goad maps – maps showing retail and leisure tenants of buildings in major settlement areas of Leeds; generally available from the 1960s – today (coverage differs from area to area – ask Library staff for more details)
- Leodis, www.leodis.net. Photographic archive of historical Leeds. Try searching using the keywords **Leeds Black History** or for specific events or geographical areas. We are aiming to improve visibility of Black histories on Leodis – please get in touch if you have any contributions you can make to the descriptions and tags on those images.
- Local newspapers. Contact staff about access to microfilm copies of local newspapers, such as the *Yorkshire Evening Post*.