



## Library Summary

Institution name:	DuSable Museum of African American History
Library name:	Doctors Charles V. and Dona C. Hamilton Institute for Research and Civic Involvement
Library type:	Special
City:	Chicago
Primary library contact:	Skyla S. Hearn, Chief Archivist and Special Collections Librarian
Recommended board action:	FULL MEMBERSHIP
Major metropolitan area:	Chicago
Population Served:	115,000

### Library Information

Holdings:	3,000
OCLC member (yes or no):	No
Online catalog (OPAC):	No
eRead Illinois member (yes or no):	No

**Strengths:** This library's collection of unique archival artifacts in addition to books originated and expanded from the 1950's collection of the museum's founder, Dr. Margaret Burroughs. The collection is accessible to the public during all open hours of the museum. The library collaborates with other special libraries and museums in Chicago-land to support researchers from high school students to professors.

**Challenges:** A lack of space is a challenge for this library. Through an endowment from Drs. Charles and Dona Hamilton, they have recently re-purposed a large storage room into a temperature and light controlled reading room, and they intend to expand this space into the room next door. Even with this additional space, a large part of their collection will remain in storage. The museum is currently seeking grant opportunities to digitize part of their archival collection to make these materials accessible to people around the world.