

# CIVIL RIGHTS DIGITAL LIBRARY

DOCUMENTING AMERICA'S STRUGGLE FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

The Civil Rights Digital Library (CRDL) initiative is the most ambitious and comprehensive effort to date to deliver educational content on the Civil Rights Movement via the Web. The CRDL promotes an enhanced understanding of the Movement through its three principal components: 1) a digital video archive delivering 30 hours of historical news film, 2) a civil rights portal providing a seamless virtual library on the Movement by aggregating metadata from 75 libraries and allied organizations from across the nation, and 3) curricular support materials to facilitate the use of the video content in the learning process.



The CRDL draws from the moving image holdings of the UGA Libraries' Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection. CRDL participants digitized selections from the WSB (Atlanta) and WALB (Albany, Ga.) Television News Archives to allow learners to be nearly eye-witnesses to some of the key events of the civil rights movement. The video archive covers both national figures and local leaders. There is more than two hours of film related to Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Civil Rights Digital Library includes related digital collections from libraries, archives, museums, public broadcasting stations, and other organizations across the nation.

The CRDL includes a specially designed site for teachers and learners called Freedom on Film, which documents the civil rights struggle in nine Georgia towns and cities. University of Georgia faculty, student researchers, and scholars from other Georgia colleges and universities authored Freedom on Film, which includes stories of the Movement with news film clips, discussion questions, lesson plans, activities, and related readings.



The CRDL includes a partnership with the New Georgia Encyclopedia (NGE), the first state encyclopedia designed exclusively for Internet publication. As a part of the CRDL initiative, the NGE is adding new articles on the Movement and enhancing existing ones by adding links to related historical news film.

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