

Africana Film Database

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The UIUC Africana Film Database currently contains records for about 780 DVDs, VHS, and 16 mm films about and from Africa, from north to south and east to west. Each record includes a short description of the content and languages used in the film. The database provides access to one of the best such collections in the United States. For example, the collection includes almost all of the African films distributed by California Newsreel. Almost all of the films are in the Media Collection of the Undergraduate Library (tel. 333-8589), and may circulate as other library materials. Some films are in special collections elsewhere on the campus. Films are available for class use.

The database can be searched by either title or keyword, and searches can be limited by year produced, duration, and format. Languages may be searched using their names as keywords.

The database is linked from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Africana Collections and Services website (<http://www.library.illinois.edu/africana/>), which itself is linked from the website of the International and Area Studies Library (<http://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/>). Examples of recent acquisitions are:

- ***African Underground: Democracy in Dakar***, Third World Newsreel, 2007, on the role of hip-hop in politics during 2007 Presidential campaign in Senegal, DVD 966.3051 Af833
- ***Everything Must Come to Light, First Run/Icarus***, 2002, on 3 South African lesbian sangomas (traditional healers), DVD 306.7663 Ev279
- ***Good Fortune: the Development Dilemma in Kenya***, Filmmakers Library, 2009, DVD 967.62 G591
- ***A Griot's Story***, Filmmakers Library, 2007, on the life of a contemporary griot (storyteller/musician/oral historian) from Burkina Faso, including music and dance, DVD 781.62 G885
- ***Living the Hiplife***, Third World Newsreel, 2007, on Ghanaian popular music, including gender issues, DVD 782.421649 L761
- ***The Lost Libraries of Timbuktu***, Films Media Group, 2008, on the scholarship and old manuscripts recently publicized in Mali, DVD 966.23 L899
- ***Promised Land***, Third World Newsreel, 2010, on land issues in South Africa, DVD 346.0432 P944
- ***Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai***, New Day Films, 2008, on the founder of the Greenbelt Movement of Kenya, the first African woman to win a Nobel Prize, DVD 333.72092 T139
- ***These Girls (El-Banate Dol)***, Studio Misr, 2006, follows teenage girls living on the streets of Cairo. Held at the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies office (Tel: 217-244-7331)
- ***21 Up South Africa: Mandela's Children***, 2007, First Run/Icarus, follows 11 rich and poor children at age 7, 14, and 21, DVD 305.24268T918
- ***War Dance***, Thinkfilm, LLC, 2008, follows the stories of three children of the Acholi tribe living in a war zone in Patongo, Uganda, DVD 784.1886 W195
- ***Zanzibar Soccer Queens (Malkia wa soka Zanzibar)***, Filmmakers Library, 2007, on how soccer has expanded women's lives, DVD 796.33466 M295