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Guide to the

***Negro World Digest* records**

1939-1941

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## Summary

**Creator:** Negro World Digest

**Title:** *Negro World Digest* records

**Date:** 1939-1941

**Size:** 0.06 linear feet (1 reel)

**Source:** Unknown provenance, ca. 1968.

**Revision History:** Finding aid updated by Lauren Stark.

**Abstract:** The Negro World Digest was a monthly periodical which began publication in July 1940 and ceased publication after the December issue of the same year. It condensed the best in writings by or about Blacks, reflecting the life, thought, and achievement of Blacks worldwide. The Digest, edited by William Cummings and A. Jackson, featured such writers as Zora Neale Hurston, James Weldon Johnson, Ralph Ellison, and Sterling Brown, and represented a variety of African, British, and American publications. This collection mostly contains correspondence covering the period 1939-1941. Additionally, there are some articles intended for publication, and information regarding advertising, reprint permissions, sales, and distribution. Also there are some congratulatory letters, office notes, and memoranda.

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**Arrangement:** Arranged alphabetically.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American periodicals  
American literature -- African American authors  
Authors, Black

### **Names**

Brown, Sterling A., 1901-1989  
Hurston, Zora Neale  
Johnson, James Weldon, 1871-1938  
Negro World Digest

## Container List

r. 1 A  
r. 1 *Articles for the Digest*  
r. 1 B  
r. 1 C  
r. 1 D  
r. 1 E  
r. 1 F  
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r. 1 I  
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r. 1 K  
r. 1 L  
r. 1 M  
r. 1 N  
r. 1 *Negro World Digest office notes and memos*  
r. 1 O  
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r. 1 Q  
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