

The Reporter

The Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library presents

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Coordinator for the Ohio Digital Newspaper Program at the Ohio History Connection

Searching The Reporter,

Akron's African-American newspaper and other digital historic newspapers now available on Ohio Memory

**Wednesday, October 25,
6:30-8 pm**

Meeting Room 2AB

High Street Level of Main Library
60 South High Street, Akron, Ohio

The Reporter, Akron's African-American newspaper covering 1969-2016, is now available and full-text searchable on Ohio Memory (www.ohiomemory.org)! Join Jenni Salamon of the Ohio History Connection to learn how this newspaper was transformed from hardcopy to microfilm to digital images, as well as tips on how to search the digital collection.

The screenshot shows the Ohio Memory website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Akron Reporter Home', 'Browse All', and 'Ohio Memory Home'. Below the navigation is a search bar with the text 'Search' and a 'Search' button. To the right of the search bar are options to 'Exclude full text sources' and 'Advanced Search'. The main content area displays the search results for 'Akron Reporter'. It features a grid of newspaper thumbnails, with the largest one showing a front page with the headline 'MICHAEL BONES HONORED'. Below the thumbnails is a timeline slider for 'The Reporter. (Akron, Ohio), 1975-11-22'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'About this collection' which states: 'The Akron Reporter collection includes 1969-2016. Akron's newspaper serving African Americans, *The Reporter*, has been documenting the community's history since 1969. Established that year by William R. Ellis, Sr., *The Reporter* was founded as a response to a lack of coverage by the mainstream press. The Ellis family continues to operate this weekly newspaper that records the lives and perspectives of our African American residents, covering everything from church histories, biographies, and social events to articles about current issues. Thanks to the Akron-Summit County Public Library and a grant from the Dick and Chris Chenoweth Fund of the Akron Community Foundation, *The Reporter* is now available online for researchers, students, and family historians.'

The digitization of the Akron-Summit County Public Library's collection of **The Reporter** was funded in part by the Dick and Chris Chenoweth fund of the Akron Community Foundation.

Ohio Memory

is the collaborative digital library program of the Ohio History Connection and the State Library of Ohio whose mission is to help communities share, discover and connect to Ohio's rich past through dynamic online resources. The website provides free access to over 700,000 digital images from over 360 cultural heritage institutions representing all 88 of Ohio's counties.



Jenni Salamon is the Coordinator for the Ohio Digital Newspaper Program at the Ohio History Connection where she manages their newspaper digitization and microfilming projects, including the National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio. She has been with the Ohio History Connection since 2009, and has a BA in English from Ohio University and an MLIS

from Kent State University. Her areas of expertise include newspaper digitization as well as traditional and digital newspaper research on various topics. When not thinking about newspapers, she can be found reading, crafting or spending time with her adorable dachshund.



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