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# ***PANTHER POWER***



**A guide to selected reading materials about the Black Panther Party**

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## OVERVIEW

The Black Panther Party for Self Defense was an African-American organization born of the Black Power Movement. The party was formed in Oakland, California in 1966 and had over 10,000 members nationwide by 1969. Bobby Seale and Dr. Huey P. Newton are credited as having founded the Party while still attending Oakland's Merritt College.

On the surface, the Black Panther Party is recognized as violent group of militant men and women, infamously known for their many confrontations with law enforcement some of which led to prominent members being killed or incarcerated. What is rarely known or mentioned about the Black Panthers is the fact that they also initiated many survival programs that benefited the African-American community. Such programs, to name a few, included a Community Learning Center; Seniors Against a Fearful Environment (SAFE); Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation; People's Free Employment Program; Legal Aid and Education Program; and Free Breakfast for School Children Program which set the precedent for the lunch programs provided in schools today



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The purpose of this bibliography is to provide a list of reading options for those seeking to better understand the BPP and that for which it stood. This is not a comprehensive list of readings; however, this list contains a wide selection of insightful sources available at the Auburn Avenue Research Library.

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