Please Get to Know These People in the Newberry collections: A Highly Subjective List

Chicagoans:

- Johari Amini: Black Arts Movement poet, publisher, chiropractor
  - To get started: Visionary Women Writers of Chicago’s Black Arts Movement; “A Folk Fabel (for my People)"

- Slim Brundage: House painter, “janitor,” proto-Beatnik, writer
  - To get started: From Bughouse Square to the Beat Generation: Selected Writings; Finding Aid for Slim Brundage Papers

- Thomas Butler Carter: early resident (1830s), entrepreneur, founder of Second Presbyterian
  - To get started: Finding aid for Thomas Butler Carter Papers

- Mike Ervin: playwright, disability activist, blogger
  - To get started: Finding aid for Mike Ervin Papers

- Phyllis Fastwolf: Oneida-Sioux activist, mother, worker
  - To get started: Native Voices in the City typescript

- Irwin Fischer: Composer, conductor with National Youth Orchestra and American Conservatory of Music
  - To get started: Finding aid for Irwin Fischer Papers

- Ernest A. Griffin: African American funeral director, Civil War historian and reenactor
  - To get started: Finding Aid for Ernest A. Griffin Family Papers

- William D. Horne: Businessman, volunteer WWI ambulance driver, friend to Hemingway
  - To get started: William Horne-Ernest Hemingway Papers

- Bob E. Lee: Black Panther, collage artist, writer
  - To get started: Finding aid for Never The Same Ephemera Collection, Box 3

- Claudia Lucero: Mexican-American board president, advocate, immigrant
  - To get started: Interview and Transcript in Mexican Hometown Associations Oral Histories

- James T. Mangan: PR executive, “owner” of outer space and founder of Celestia
  - To get started: Raymond F. DaBoll Papers, boxes 33 and 73 (and Wikipedia)

- Mark J. Satter: Lawyer, civil rights activist, landlord
  - To get started: Finding Aid for Mark J. Satter Papers

- Helen Sclair: Scholar of funerary practices, Newberrian, “Cemetery Lady”
  - To get started: Helen Sclair Papers (unprocessed; contact Newberry staff for access)
• Kittie Smith: Artist, disability advocate, suffragist, abuse survivor  
  o To get started: *My Life Story*, by Kittie Smith

• Harriet Taylor, Newberry Library Genealogy Department supervisor, 1900-1931, heraldry specialist, eccentric  
  o To get started: Newberry Archives – *Harriet Taylor Papers* 11/15/01

• Selma Walden: Working-class writer, single mother, habitual letter-to-the-editor writer  
  o To get started: Finding Aid for *Selma Walden Papers*

• E. Winston Williams: Chicago NAACP Southside chapter president, labor union leader  
  o To get started: Finding aid for *E. Winston and Ina D. Williams NAACP Papers*

Beyond Chicago:

• John Douglas Bemo, aka Tal-a-mas-mico: Seminole sailor, Christian missionary, orator  
  o To get started: *Autobiography and speech*

• John B. Goins: African American waiter, service industry authority  
  o To get started: *The American Waiter*

• Jenny Hecht: child actress, member of the Living Theater, diarist  
  o To get started: Finding aid for the *Ben Hecht Papers*, Series 8

• Mary MacLane: Memoirist, feminist, bisexual, celebrity  
  o To get started: *Stone & Kimball Records*, boxes 2, 10, 13

• Joe “Indian Joe” Morris: Blackfeet activist, artist, Alcatraz occupier  
  o To get started: *The Life of Meta-wa-wakee, Lonewalker*

• Anna Marian Shaw: poet, immigrant, unhappy wife  
  o To get started: *Poems of Life and Death*

• Joshua Steele: African American shoemaker, candidate, Kentuckian  
  o To get started: “*To the People!*” handbill

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