

# The New York Public Library

## The Irma and Paul Milstein Division:

### Research classes and orientations in U.S. history, local history and genealogy

The [Milstein Division](#) collects publications documenting American history on the national, state, and local levels, including extensive holdings on New York City history. The Division has renowned genealogical collections that include published and manuscript family histories and genealogy locales, biographical dictionaries, city directories, historical photographs, clippings files, postcards, and other visual ephemera, as well as subscriptions to numerous genealogy, biography, newspaper, and history databases: altogether a vast array of potential teaching aids.

Librarians in the Milstein Division strive to support all researchers, students, and educators - providing essential guidance and connections to collections - via classes, group orientations, and consultations.

### CLASS & GROUP VISITS

We encourage educators, professional and cultural organizations to contact us to arrange customized research orientations, library classes, or to discuss how to incorporate our unique history and genealogy collections into curriculum and class projects. We can host small class visits at the Schwarzman Building, make local visits to schools and universities, or host classes and orientations online.

Some recent classes and workshops we've hosted: *An Introduction to African-American Genealogy Research*; *Fact and Fiction in Local History Research*; *Genealogy Research with Maps*; *How to Research the History of a NYC Building*.

Please contact a librarian in the Milstein Division at [history@nypl.org](mailto:history@nypl.org) to start the conversation.

- To set up a consultation: <https://libcal.nypl.org/appointments/schwarzman>
- To set up a class or organization visit: <https://www.nypl.org/about/divisions/milstein/tours>

### GETTING STARTED

We offer regularly scheduled public classes - both onsite and online - which orient and support new and returning researchers to our collections and services. We encourage educators and students to speak to a Milstein Division librarian to schedule a specially created session for your class.

#### Genealogy Essentials

[www.nypl.org/events/genealogy-essentials](http://www.nypl.org/events/genealogy-essentials)

Classes aimed at beginners, designed with information literacy in mind. From *Getting Started with Genealogy Research* to classes that deal with record groups and researching different ethnicities. These classes are easily adapted for educators and their students.

#### U.S. history & local history

Includes introductions to local history research and resources, how to research buildings, and research using censuses, maps, newspapers, and other resources.



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