Where to Find Information on the September 11, 2001 Events and Related Topics
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Accounts and Memoirs: One Nation: America Remembers September 11, 2001, published by LIFE and New York September 11: Seen by Magnum Photographers are among the works featuring photographic images of the events of September 11 and the days after. Memoirs and testimonial accounts include Women at Ground Zero: Stories of Courage and Compassion by Susan Hagen, Report from Ground Zero by Dennis Smith and many other works.

Investigative, Engineering and Other Reports: The City Hall Library collection includes The 9/11 Commission Report from the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States. Other federal publications from the U.S. Congress and Government Accountability Office that examine the causes of the World Trade Center collapse can be found here, too. In addition, engineering and structural reports from such entities as the Ove Arup & Partners, Hughes Associates and New York City, Department of Buildings, provide more background. Two publications from McKinsey and Company analyze the responses and actions of the Police and Fire Departments.

Health, Economic and Related Issues: Publications from the Fire Department and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene explore the health problems and concerns faced by rescue workers and others affected by the 9/11 attacks. There are various materials on the economic implications of the attacks, rebuilding at Ground Zero and other relevant topics. Lower Manhattan Development Corporation has published numerous reports on the recovery and rebuilding efforts. Reports and studies from city and state agencies plus organizations like Alliance for Downtown New York may prove useful.

Vertical Files: An extensive collection of newspaper articles and other clippings on September 11 can be consulted. The clippings cover not only the events of that day but rebuilding, health concerns, economic impact and many other topics. There are also files on the World Trade Center, its construction and the earlier terrorist attack in 1993. Also kept in the vertical files is Mayor Giuliani’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency, dated September 11 and subsequent Proclamations until April 2002.