

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

DORIS regularly hosts a variety of interesting in-person and virtual public programs, tours and exhibits on our city's unique history. View treasures from the collections and learn more about the City's history.



*Visitors touring the Hall of Records.*

## NEIGHBORHOOD STORIES

Participate in the Neighborhood Stories project, a storytelling initiative that gathers the memories of NYC residents and preserves them in the Municipal Archives. Share your own personal story.

## VOLUNTEER

Help connect others to New York City's history! Join the effort to expand access to the collections of the Municipal Archives and Library as a volunteer. In-person and virtual volunteer opportunities include transcription projects, developing educational aids, assisting with public programs, community outreach, and more.

## RESEARCH SPACES

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*Appointments recommended.*



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## DONATE

The New York Archival Society, a non-profit founded in 1976, supports the work of the Municipal Archives through fundraising. Tax deductible gifts help support preservation, digitization, public programming, and internships.

<https://newyorkarchivalsociety.org/contribute>



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## ABOUT DORIS

The mission of the NYC Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) is to foster civic life by preserving and providing public access to historical and contemporary records and information about New York City government. The agency ensures that City records are properly maintained following professional archival and record management practices. Materials are available to diverse communities, both online and in person.

## RESEARCH

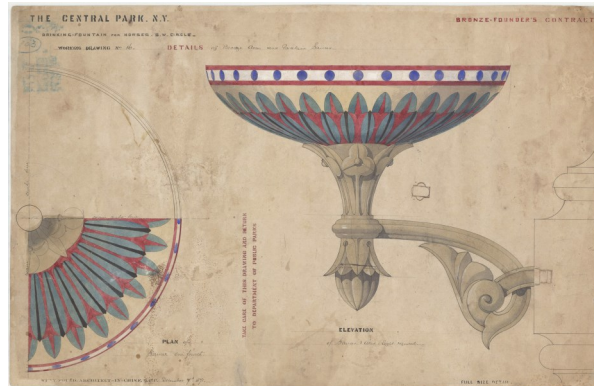
The New York City government collections—including web archives and social media posts—are immense, and continue to grow! The Municipal Library houses more than 400,000 unique books, reports, and periodicals about New York City history, politics and culture, some dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Recent City publications are available online.

The Municipal Archives include paper records, digital collections, still and moving images, ledgers and docket books, vital records, maps, blueprints, and audio recordings. Dating from the Dutch colonial period, the earliest record is a land deed granted to Lady Deborah Moody in 1645.

Mayoral records from 1826-2013, district attorney records dating from 1873-1990s, and original drawings of Central Park and the Brooklyn Bridge are among the most requested collections, as well as Board of

Education records, dating from its creation in 1842 to the current Department of Education. These represent a small fraction of the nearly 200,000 cubic ft. and over 300 TB of records managed in the Archives.

Begin your journey by exploring our collections online or making an appointment to visit in-person. Our facilities are open to the public, with appropriate health and safety protocols in place. To make an appointment, please email: [research@records.nyc.gov](mailto:research@records.nyc.gov).



*From 1871: details of a Central Park drinking fountain for horses.*

## Collection Guides

Browse online guides to historical archival collections from 1645 to the present. Explore still and moving images, ledgers and docket books, maps, and more.

## Library Catalog

The Municipal Library, established in 1913, is the official depository for all city agency publications. Use our online catalog to search for publications from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present, organized by title, author, and date of publication.



*A 1940s tax photo image.*

## Historical Vital Records

Browse, search, or download 13.3 million historical birth, death, and marriage records from 1855-1949.

## Government Publications Portal

View the permanent, searchable online repository of New York City government's publications. Currently there are over 43,000 items and the collection is expanding.

## Digital Gallery

Browse, download, or order prints of photographs, documents, AV materials, blueprints, drawings, and more from the collections. Check out the tax photos taken in the 1940s and 1980s of every building in every borough of New York City.

## Social Media Archives

Access posts from all New York City agencies through the searchable archive.



*One of the 3,000 Bertillon "mug shot" cards from the NYPD Photo Unit collection.*