

New York City Opens Archival Exhibit *NYC's Story: The City on Record*

Exhibit featuring visual records depicts New York City's five boroughs paired with interviews with New Yorkers and maps showing patterns of immigration



** View of Manhattan from Long Island City, January 1, 1934.*

New York, NY – The NYC Department of Records & Information Services (DORIS) announced the opening of a new exhibit, ***NYC's Story: The City on Record***. The exhibit showcases visual records from the Municipal Archives and Library collections. Selected images are arranged by borough and capture both defining events and everyday moments in New Yorkers' lives.

A related interactive online exhibit featuring over 100 items from the collections within the Municipal Archives can be found at RememberNYC.nyc. Both exhibits celebrate city history during 2026 – the 250th anniversary of the country's founding.

These two exhibits — the online RememberNYC.nyc and the on-premise ***NYC's Story: The City on Record*** — use city government's records to explore identity and highlight images from each of the five Boroughs.

"I am particularly thrilled to premiere our *Neighborhood Stories* project which shares stories from community residents that reflect the city's diversity and development. Interactive aspects let visitors build a skyline and show immigration patterns in each borough. I am thankful for the collaborative team of DORIS employees who contributed their creativity and knowledge to create the exhibits," said **Department of Records and Information Services Commissioner, Pauline Toole**.

The exhibit also premieres a new interactive map highlighting audio clips from *Neighborhood Stories*, a DORIS storytelling initiative that gathers and permanently preserves interviews with New Yorkers. The interviews “put the community in the archives” by depicting everyday experiences that illustrate how government action, or inaction, impacts city residents.

Both the online and on-site exhibits explore three core questions – 1) *Who is a New Yorker?* 2) *How was New York City built?* and 3) *What makes NYC, NYC?* The goal of these exhibits is to help visitors of all ages both understand the city’s past and shape a better future by inviting open exploration and engagement with the City’s collections.

NYC’s Story: The City on Record will open to the public beginning April 24, 2026, at 31 Chambers Street, Manhattan, in the First Floor Gallery.

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About the NYC Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS):
Established in 1977, the NYC Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) preserves and provides public access to historical and contemporary records and information about New York City government. We operate the Municipal Archives, the Municipal Library, and the Records Center. Learn more at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/records/index.page>.

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