

A RANGE OF SEMINARS, COURSES, TALKS
AND WORKSHOPS DESIGNED FOR LEARNERS
OF ANY AGE AND STAGE OF LEARNING

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'Greatness from
small beginnings.'

Sir Francis Drake, c. 1540-1596



LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM 2017

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Welcome

**WHERE DO I START?
DISCOVER THE STATE LIBRARY**

Dates: 9 February, 4 May, 7 September, 2 November
Time: 10.30 am to 11.30 am
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$5 + booking fee (bookings essential)

For the first-time user, this talk introduces the fantastic services and collections available at the State Library and provides a good idea of where to begin research.

**WHERE DO I START?
LIBRARY WEBSITE AND CATALOGUES**

Dates: 9 March, 8 June, 14 September, 7 December
Time: 10.30 am to 11.30 am
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$5 + booking fee (bookings essential)

This hands-on workshop provides an overview of the services and resources available from the State Library website. Explore highlights of the Library's collection, take a guided tour of the catalogues and browse our exhibitions and events. Basic computer skills are required.

**WHERE DO I START?
ERESOURCES**

Dates: 21 March, 6 July
Time: 6 pm to 7 pm

Dates: 6 April, 5 October
Time: 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$5 + booking fee (bookings essential)

This introductory hands-on workshop highlights the online resources available from the State Library website. Learn how to access ebooks, local and international newspapers, reference works, full-text magazines and more. Basic computer skills are required.



Online

**ERESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS:
HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Date: 16 February
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Designed for the experienced researcher of history and social sciences, this course will reveal some of the most relevant databases and online resources available with the use of your Library card. Learn from expert librarians how to interrogate databases and online resources to achieve the best results from a targeted history or social sciences search, as well as how to export citations. Intermediate computing skills are required.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF EBOOKS

Dates: 15 March, 24 August
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$5 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Join us for a hands-on workshop exploring how to use an ereader, phone or tablet to read ebooks. Discover the Library's ebook collections and learn how to download ebooks from popular websites.

TREASURES OF TROVE

Dates: 16 May, 26 September
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

This hands-on workshop introduces the unrivalled repository of Australian and online resources available from the Trove website. Search books, images, maps, music, archives and more. Learn how to access digitised newspapers and local history information on Trove and how to sign up and add comments, edit text and tag articles. Basic computer skills are required.

**ERESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS:
ONLINE LITERATURE AND HISTORY
PRIMARY SOURCES**

Date: 22 June
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

For experienced researchers in need of the skills to find those elusive primary sources for literature or history research. Explore the Library's databases and online resources with an experienced librarian who will share tips and tricks to locate the best primary sources from the Library's eresources. Intermediate computing skills are required.

**ERESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS:
ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

Date: 17 August
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

For experienced researchers of art and architecture, this course will reveal some of the most relevant databases and online resources available with the use of your Library card. Learn from expert librarians how to interrogate databases and online resources to achieve the best results from a targeted art or architecture search, as well as how to export citations. Intermediate computing skills are required.

**ERESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS:
ONLINE NEWSPAPERS**

Date: 19 October
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Using the Library's substantial eresources, learn how to locate and use historical and current online newspapers from a variety of sources including Trove, Proquest and Gale. Learn how to track back through the indexes associated with Australia's longest running newspapers and find the front page of newspapers from all over the world. For experienced researchers. Intermediate computing skills are required.

Family History

STARTING FAMILY RESEARCH AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Dates: 23 February, 5 April, 15 June, 4 October
Time: 10.30 am to 12 noon
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Family history can reveal surprising and sometimes moving lost stories that enhance an individual's understanding of who they are. Family history librarians will provide an introductory program on the Library's diverse family history collections.

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: PHOTOGRAPHS

Date: 15 June
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$30 + booking fee (bookings essential)

A seminar dedicated to the long-term care of printed photographs. The emphasis will be on archival storage, with tips on what materials to use and where to find them. Bring along one or two family photographs to discuss their care with a Library conservator.

Throughout August – National Family History Month – there will be events of interest for the experienced family historian as well as the beginner. All events are free, but places are limited and bookings are essential. Please check the website for upcoming events.

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: DIGITISATION OF ORIGINALS

Date: 9 November
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$30 + booking fee (bookings essential)

A seminar dedicated to the challenges of self-digitising your family history documents: including letters, diaries and photographs. The emphasis will be on appropriate equipment, specifications and file formats, with some tips on digital preservation strategies for the archival storage of digital files.



Stories from the Collection

New in 2017

MULTICULTURAL SYDNEY: THE EARLY YEARS

Date: 14 March
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Sydney has been multicultural from its earliest settlement. Explore resources related to the famous Quong Tart, discover more about Billy Blue and other African American convicts, and learn about communities of Afghan, Indian, Chinese and Lebanese migrants in the 1800s.

JOHN GOULD: THE BIRD MAN

Date: 26 July
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

John Gould was a British ornithologist and artist. It is estimated that over half a million individual hand-coloured plates of birds and animals were produced under the Gould name. This extraordinary output was the result of Gould's drive and business acumen as well as his ability to develop a strong international group of specimen collectors, artists and administrative agents. Hear about Gould's life and work and see some of his publications from the rare books collection.

HERBALS AND FLOWER BOOKS

Date: 22 September
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Medicinal herbs were valued by the ancient Greeks and are still used today. The 16th and 17th centuries produced many herbals – illustrated books that were the precursor to modern botanical and pharmaceutical textbooks. Flower books came to prominence in the 18th and 19th centuries with significant works by Redouté, Bauer, Hooker, Sowerby, Sweet and Thornton. Learn about and view some of the Library's original and facsimile editions of these beautifully illustrated books.

MEDICAL SYDNEY

Date: 16 November
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Take a medical history tour of Sydney from the First Fleet to the beginnings of the 20th century. Discover the secrets of Western medicine in the early colony and the history of the medical profession in Sydney. Resources include surgeons' journals, manuscripts written by early Sydney doctors, and rare books featuring anatomical drawings and histories of diseases like the bubonic plague. Uncover medical scandals, as we reveal the mysteries behind the medicine. This talk is not for the faint-hearted!

Popular talks

NSW SENIORS WEEK SPECIAL EVENT: THE STORY OF GARDENING IN NSW

Date: 10 March
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: FREE (bookings essential), www.nswseniorsweek.com.au

The garden has long been an essential part of the Australian home – the treasured outside room. Explore the changing styles in gardens and garden design since the early days of the colony. Learn how to locate garden-related materials in the Library's collection and view some of the books, photographs, drawings, old seed and plant catalogues, and other items which illustrate the colourful story of gardening in NSW.

EXPLORING COLONIAL SYDNEY

Date: 6 September
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Discover the story of Sydney from 1788 to 1900, as we look at manuscripts, maps, paintings and artworks that tell stories of early Sydney. Use the Library's catalogues and other search tools to locate the many sources of information about old Sydney. A selection of unique collection items will be on display.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COLONY

Date: 6 December
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$10 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Join us for a festive show and tell and see how Christmas was celebrated in the colonies. Which traditions linger and which have faded away? See original newspapers, pictures and Christmas cards, which tell their own story of the time – with references to warm weather and local flora and fauna.



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DISABILITY INFORMATION

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Companion card provides fair ticketing at events and venues for people with a disability who require a companion to accompany them.

www.companioncard.org.au

SECURITY

For the security of the collections, you may be required to place your bag in a locker if your session is conducted in the reading rooms or if your course includes viewing original collection material. Lockers are available to hire for a small fee (\$1 for four hours).

PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR SESSION IS DUE TO START.