



lifelong learning Program

2018

A range of seminars, courses, talks and workshops designed for learners of any age and stage of learning

Welcome

WHERE DO I START? DISCOVER THE STATE LIBRARY

Dates: 8 February, 3 May,
6 September, 1 November
Time: 10.30 am to 11.30 am
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: Free (bookings essential)

For the first-time user. Come along and ask us your questions. Learn about the fantastic services and collections available at the State Library, and find out how to get started on your research.

Bookings are essential for all programs.

All prices include GST

BOOKINGS:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/learning/lifelong-learners

ENQUIRIES:

learning.library@sl.nsw.gov.au
or (02) 9273 1778

Image: A New Globe of the Earth
Richard Cushee, 1731
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Online

ERESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS: HISTORY & LITERATURE SOURCES

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

Designed for the experienced researcher of history and/or literature, 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, how to locate primary sources from the Library's resources, as well as how to export citations. Intermediate computing skills are required.

ERESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS: ART & ARCHITECTURE

Date: 16 August
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$15 + 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.

TREASURES OF TROVE

Dates: 25 September
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$15 + 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, as well as how to sign up, add comments, edit text and tag articles. Basic computer skills are required.

ERESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS: ONLINE NEWSPAPERS

Date: 18 October
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$15 + 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: 22 February, 14 June
Time: 10.30 am to 12.00 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$15 + 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 State Library's diverse family history collections.



Image: Betts' new portable terrestrial globe compiled from the latest and best authorities, John Betts, c. 1866
GLOBE 6

Care for your collections

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: LETTERS AND DIARIES

Date: 12 April
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$35 + booking fee (bookings essential)

A seminar dedicated to the long-term care of documentation such as letters and diaries. The emphasis will be on archival storage, with tips on what to use and where to find them. Bring along one or two items of family memorabilia to discuss their care with a Library conservator.

IDENTIFYING AND CAPTIONING 19TH CENTURY PHOTOGRAPHS

Date: 16 May
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$35 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Join our curator for a workshop on 19th century photography. This hands-on workshop will give attendees an opportunity to look at and analyse real examples of dozens of different photographic formats. It will also outline strategies for captioning your photographs and digital copies for future generations.

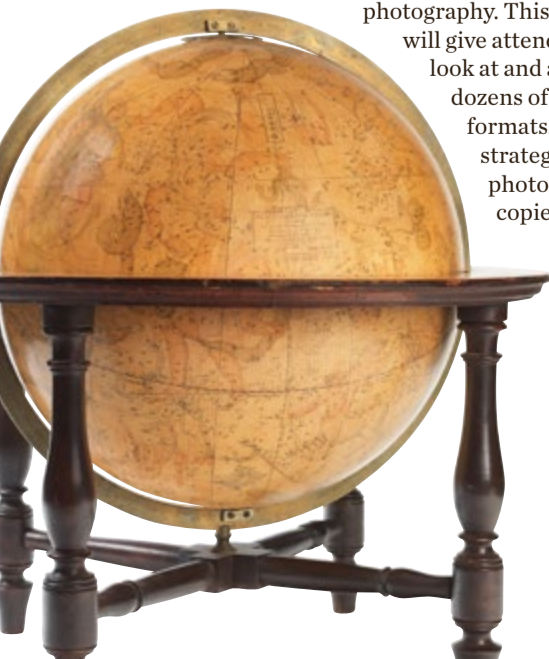


Image: Cary's new celestial globe: on which are carefully laid down the whole of the stars and nebulae ... , John Cary, after 1830
GLOBE 8

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: PHOTOGRAPHS

Date: 28 June
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$35 + 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.

ANALYSIS AND CARE OF OIL PAINTINGS

Date: 15 August
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$35 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Led by a painting conservator this workshop focuses on analysing the materials that make up oil paintings and how this impacts on their care. A diverse selection of examples from the State Library's collection will be used to explore conservation issues and solutions.

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: DIGITISATION OF ORIGINALS

Date: 8 November
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$35 + 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.



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FAMILY HISTORY BUILDING BLOCKS

Date: 9 May 2018
Time: 10.00 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$50 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Family history research can be addictive! It starts innocently with a family story and becomes a search and rescue mission for the relevant document. Family history librarians will show you how to get started and where to look for the key documents to start your journey.

USING MAPS FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Date: 25 July 2018
Time: 10.00 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$50 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Maps can hold a wealth of information to enrich your history research or project. If you are a map novice, come along to hear all about what they can show you, how to find them at the Library and be inspired by some of our favourites.

FAMILY HISTORY FOCUS

Date: 22 August 2018
Time: 10.00 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$50 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Family history research is where the personal and the historic collide. Join us for this National Family History Month event. Family history librarians will talk about unique collections held at the Library and how to take your research to the next level.

RESEARCHING YOUR BESTSELLER

Date: 12 September 2018
Time: 10.00 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$50 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Wanting to enrich the detail in a current manuscript or just have the beginnings of an idea for a writing project? Come along to this program of workshops and talks aimed at helping you to add in the right historical details, including looking for pictures, maps and more.



Above: Gerardus Mercator ... Iodocus Hondius ... [portraits], 1619 / Gerardus Mercator

Left: Orbis caelestis typus ... Vincenzo Coronelli & Jean Baptiste Nolin, 1693 SAFE 4/4

Below: Cary's pocket globe: agreeable to the latest discoveries, John and William Cary, c. 1791 GLOBE 1

Stories from the Collection

AN ANATOMY OF A MAP

Date: 21 March
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$15 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Maps can tell us more than simply how to get from here to there. This hands-on workshop will use examples from the Library's extensive map collections to reveal the key elements of a map – from cartouche to neatline.

NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT: HERBALS & FLOWER BOOKS

Date: 13 April
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: Free (bookings essential)

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

JOHN GOULD: THE BIRD MAN

Date: 21 June
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$15 + 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 Library's rare books collection.

RARE BOOKS: ASTRONOMY

Date: 19 September
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$15 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Astronomy and its field of study was changed significantly by the invention of printing and many ancient and medieval astronomical texts were published before the close of the 15th century. Using the new technology of printing also allowed for the development and production of celestial globes. Hear about this fascinating subject and see beautiful items from the Library rare books collection, including an 18th century celestial globe.

MEDICAL SYDNEY

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

Take a medical history tour of Sydney from the First Fleet to the beginnings of the twentieth century. Discover the secrets of Western medicine in the early colony and 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!

CHRISTMAS IN THE COLLECTIONS

Date: 5 December
Time: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Venue: Meet in the Macquarie Street foyer
Cost: \$15 + booking fee (bookings essential)

Join us for a festive show-and-tell to discover how Christmas has been celebrated in Australia and internationally from colonial times up to the present day. From sober Victorian depictions of the Nativity to the pop Santa of the 60s and beyond, explore Christmas celebrations using examples of original cards, books, magazines, newspapers and more held in the Library's rich collections.



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PAYMENT POLICY

All listed prices include GST. A booking fee will be applied to each booking. A 20% cancellation fee applies for courses or workshops \$50 or over cancelled within 48 hours of the scheduled time. No refund applies to non-attendance at courses or workshops under \$50.

DISABILITY INFORMATION

Wheelchair access via Macquarie Street, toilets and courtesy wheelchair, hearing loop, parking on the corner of Shakespeare Place and Macquarie Street.

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 NOTE:

No pens, food or drink of any kind is allowed in venues where there is collection material.