



Left: Book of Hours, northern France, late 15th century

Far left: Chorus girls in 'Rhonrad' wheels across Bondi Beach (detail), c. 1935, Sam Hood

**RARE BOOKS: LIBRARIANS' FAVOURITES** **NEW IN 2019**

25 July, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$30 (bookings essential)

Discover the Library's rare book collection and hear fascinating stories of how these volumes were acquired by the Library. Librarians will show you some of their favourites, ranging from incunabula and early bibles, to artists' books, fore edge painted books and more.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE COLLECTIONS**

5 December, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$17 (bookings essential)

A festive show-and-tell to discover how Christmas has been celebrated in Australia and internationally from colonial times to the present day. From sober Victorian depictions of the Nativity to the pop Santa of the 1960s, and beyond, explore Christmas celebrations through cards, books, magazines, newspapers and more.

**SPECIAL BACK OF HOUSE TOUR** **NEW IN 2019**

22 August, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$50 (bookings essential)

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the backrooms and stacks of the State Library? Be one of the first to enjoy a 'limited-edition' tour of the Library's hidden spaces and locked places. Hear fascinating tales of librarians past and the mysteries of Mr Mitchell. See what happens behind the scenes in Australia's oldest library. Good walking shoes are required — there will be lots of stairs to climb. Very limited numbers.

## Stories from the collection

**STRANGE SYDNEY**

21 March, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$17 (bookings essential)

Explore strange and unusual tales of Sydney and surrounds. From mysterious murders to colonial ghost stories and phantom animals, find out what has intrigued and shocked Sydney over the years.

**RARE BOOKS: ATLASES** **NEW IN 2019**

23 May, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$30 (bookings essential)

Join us for a fascinating journey through the Library's collection of historical atlases. Learn about, and view, some of these spectacular and rare volumes, such as the lavish Grand Atlas by Joan Blaeu, the world's first modern atlas by Ortelius from 1570, the Dutch masterpiece De Zee-Atlas ofte Water-Wereld, the Flinders Atlas, and many more.



**PAYMENT POLICY**

All listed prices include GST. Booking fees are included in the course cost. 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 and Shakespeare Place, toilets and courtesy wheelchairs available, 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](http://www.companioncard.org.au)



A phone solution for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment



**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 (standard locker: \$1 for four hours).

No pens, food or drink of any kind are allowed in venues with collection material.

**The registration desk will open 30 minutes before the start of the first session on each day of the 'Launch into Library Research' series. For all other workshops and programs, please arrive 10 minutes before your session is due to start.**

Viewing the Macquarie Collector's Chest, back of house, State Library of NSW

**Bookings are essential for all programs and payment is required at the time of booking.**

**All prices include GST.**

**BOOKINGS**

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/learning/lifelong-learners](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/learning/lifelong-learners)

**ENQUIRIES**

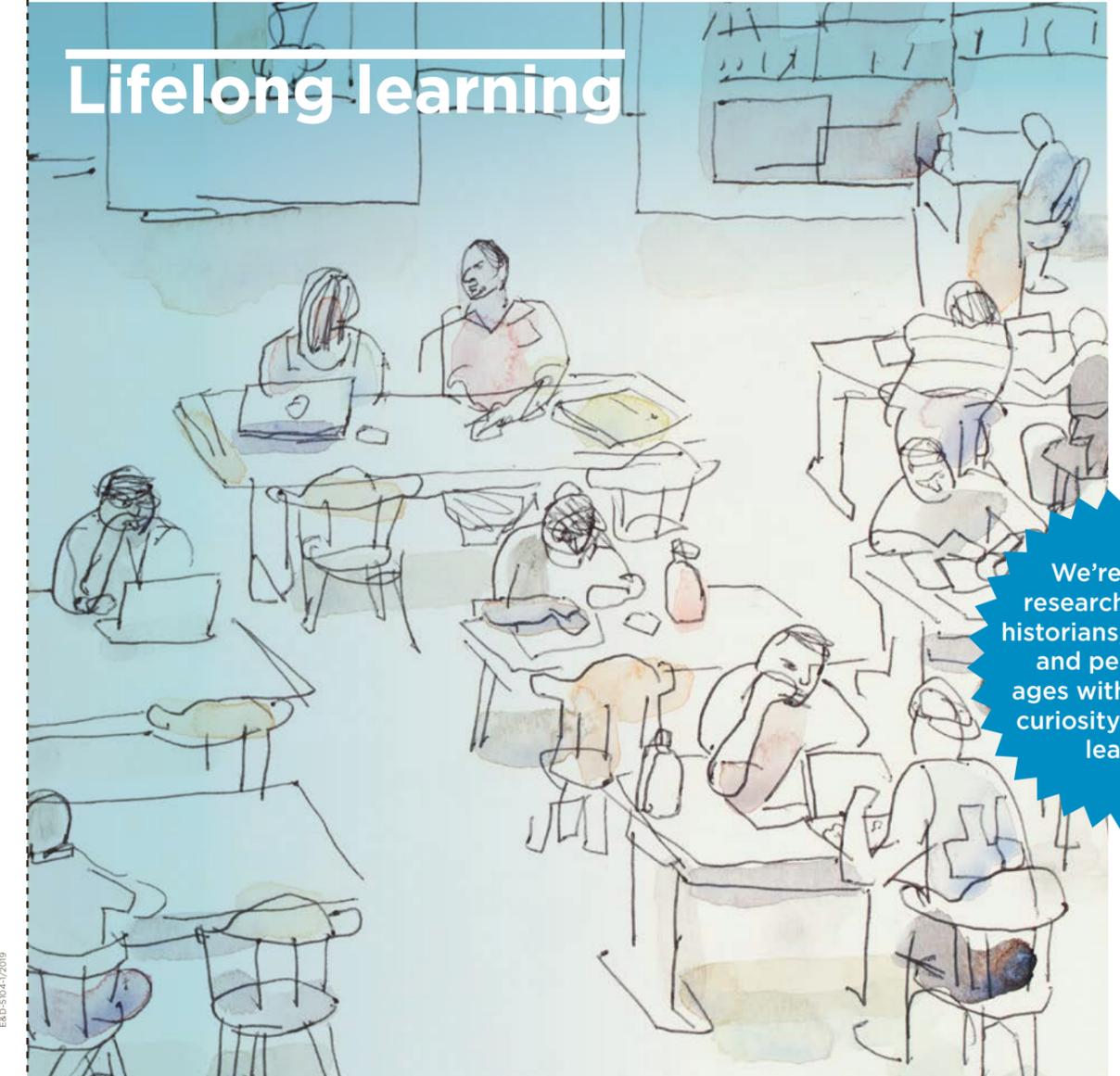
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Cover: Drawing of the Mitchell Library Reading Room (detail), 2015, John Bokor



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# Lifelong learning



**We're here for researchers, family historians, book lovers and people of all ages with an endless curiosity for life and learning.**



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## Where do I start?

### DISCOVER THE STATE LIBRARY

7 February, 2 May, 5 September, 31 October  
10.30 am to 11.30 am  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
Free (bookings essential)

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

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## Launch into library research

### FAMILY HISTORY BUILDING BLOCKS

27 February, 10 am to 3.50 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$55 (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.

### FINDING OUT: THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOUSE **NEW IN 2019**

11 April, 10 am to 4 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$55 (bookings essential)

Are you trying to find information about the house your ancestors lived in, or interested in knowing the story of your own house? The history of a house can reveal a wealth of information about the building and the lives of the people who lived in it. This program of workshops and presentations will give you the basics to get started on researching your old house. Please note: it is best if the house is built pre-1960.

### USING MAPS FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH

20 June, 10 am to 4.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$55 (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 about what they can show you, how to find them at the Library and be inspired by some of our favourites.

### FAMILY HISTORY NEXT STEPS **NEW IN 2019**

1 August, 10 am to 3.45 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$55 (bookings essential)

Know the basics and ready to take your research further? Join us for this new National Family History Month event. Find out how to trace your convict ancestors, examine military records, and more. Our experienced family history librarians will show you how to access and use a range of invaluable resources, many unique to the State Library, to help you take the next steps in your family research.

### RESEARCHING YOUR BESTSELLER

17 October, 10 am to 4.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$55 (bookings essential)

If you're developing a manuscript, or just have an idea for a writing project, this program of workshops and talks will help you add historical details through a range of Library resources including pictures and maps.

### FROM ART TO INSPIRATION **NEW IN 2019**

21 & 28 November, 10 am to 4.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$130, includes lunch on both days (bookings essential)

The State Library has a rich collection of original artworks and related items. From framed oil paintings to sketchbooks that reveal insights into the creative process, to elaborate artists' books. This two-day program will take you on an 'artist's eye' journey through the collections with inspiring presentations, curated gallery tours and an opportunity to sketch in the reading room and galleries.



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## Online at the Library

### ERESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS: HISTORY & LITERATURE SOURCES

14 February, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$17 (bookings essential)

Designed for the experienced researcher of history and/or literature, this course will reveal the most relevant databases and online resources available with your Library card. Learn how to interrogate databases and online resources to achieve the best results, how to locate primary sources from the Library's eresources, and how to export citations. Intermediate computing skills are required.

### ERESOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS: ART & ARCHITECTURE

3 July, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$17 (bookings essential)

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

### TREASURES OF TROVE

26 September, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$17 (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 NEWSPAPERS

24 October, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$17 (bookings essential)

Using the Library's substantial eresources, learn how to locate and use historical and current online newspapers from Trove, Proquest, Gale and other sources. Search 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.

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## Family history

### STARTING FAMILY RESEARCH AT THE STATE LIBRARY

6 June, 27 November, 10.30 am to 12 noon  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$17 (bookings essential)

Family history can reveal surprising and sometimes moving lost stories that enhance an individual's understanding of who they are. Librarians will introduce the State Library's diverse family history collections.



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## Care for your collections

### ANALYSIS & CARE OF OIL PAINTINGS

28 March, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$40 (bookings essential)

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

### PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: LETTERS & DIARIES

14 May, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$40 (bookings essential)

A seminar dedicated to the long-term care of letters, diaries and other documents. 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.

### PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: PHOTOGRAPHS

4 July, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$40 (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.

### PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: DIGITISATION OF ORIGINALS

14 November, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$40 (bookings essential)

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