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# Lifelong learning

FULL PROGRAM 2020



STATE LIBRARY®  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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

Thu 6 Feb, Thu 7 May, Thu 3 Sep, Thu 29 Oct  
10.30 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

Thu 27 Feb, 10 am to 3.50 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$60 (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

Thu 2 Apr, 10 am to 4 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$60 (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 was built pre-1960.

## INDUSTRIAL SYDNEY **NEW IN 2020**

Thu 18 Jun, 10 am to 4.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$60 (bookings essential)

Discover how to research Sydney's industrial past, using a range of resources from the Library's collections, including company records, maps & plans, oral histories and photographs. Explore the early days of industrial Sydney — the hard-working harbour, the establishment of the CBD's industrial hub, the advances in transportation and the lives of those who were there.

## FAMILY HISTORY INSIGHTS **NEW IN 2020**

Thu 6 Aug, 10 am to 3.45 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$60 (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 locate UK records from the Australian Joint Copying Project online collection, hear how oral histories can be used for family history, explore how to overcome your research roadblocks and learn the fundamentals of writing to help shape your research into an engaging narrative that your family will enjoy reading.

## USING MAPS FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Thu 15 Oct, 10 am to 4.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$60 (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. You will view early maps reflecting Indigenous history and culture, maps showing the development of the Sydney CBD, subdivision plans and more.

## LAND RECORDS IN NSW **NEW IN 2020**

Thu 19 Nov, 10 am to 4.30 pm  
Meet in the Macquarie St foyer  
\$60 (bookings essential)

Want to explore the history of a parcel of land in NSW since 1788? We'll show you how to get started through this series of practical sessions and presentations. Get a hands-on introduction to searching the online Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV) and discover how other Library collection items can enhance your research, including pastoral directories and real estate company records.



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## Online at the Library

### ERESOURCES IN DEPTH:

#### JSTOR & PROQUEST **NEW IN 2020**

Thu 13 Feb, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Meet in the Macquarie St foyer

\$20 (bookings essential)

This hands-on workshop will help you get the most out of JSTOR and ProQuest databases, accessible from anywhere with your Library card. Interrogate these databases to locate relevant full-text articles and primary sources, covering a wide range of subjects, including history, literature, arts, social sciences, business and science. You'll learn some of the advanced features to help make your online research more effective. Intermediate computing skills are required.

### ERESOURCES IN DEPTH: EBSCO & GALE

#### **NEW IN 2020**

Thu 2 Jul, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Meet in the Macquarie St foyer

\$20 (bookings essential)

This hands-on workshop will help you get the most out of EBSCO and Gale databases, accessible from anywhere with your Library card. Interrogate these databases to locate relevant full-text articles and primary sources, covering a wide range of subjects, including history, literature, arts, social sciences, business and science. You'll learn some of the advanced features to help make your online research more effective. Intermediate computing skills are required.

### ERESOURCES IN DEPTH: ONLINE NEWSPAPERS

#### **NEW IN 2020**

Thu 22 Oct, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Meet in the Macquarie St foyer

\$20 (bookings essential)

Using the Library's substantial range of 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 search the indexes associated with Australia's longest running newspapers and find the front page of newspapers from all over the world. Intermediate computing skills are required.

### TREASURES OF TROVE

Thu 24 Sep, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Meet in the Macquarie St foyer

\$20 (bookings essential)

This hands-on workshop will introduce you to the unrivalled repository of Australian and online resources available from the Trove website. Search for 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.

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## Family history

### STARTING FAMILY RESEARCH AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Thu 4 Jun, Thu 26 Nov, 10.30 am to 12 noon

Meet in the Macquarie St foyer

\$20 (bookings essential)

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

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# Stories from the collection

## MEDICAL SYDNEY

Thu 19 Mar, 10.30 to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Mitchell vestibule  
\$20 (bookings essential)

Take a medical history tour of Sydney from Aboriginal Australia through to the early twentieth century. Discover the origins of Western medicine in the early colony and the history of the medical profession. Resources include: surgeons' journals, manuscripts written by early Sydney doctors, advertisements from quacks, and rare books featuring anatomical drawings and histories of diseases like the bubonic plague. We will investigate beliefs about illness, mental health and lunatic asylums, and some unusual treatments.

## RARE BOOKS: THE NATURAL WORLD

NEW IN 2020

Thu 23 Jul, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Mitchell vestibule  
\$30 (bookings essential)

Join us for a librarian-led exploration of the natural world through the pages of the Library's rare book collection. The Library holds many fascinating and beautiful works on botany, birds and other animals. This overview will explore how nature has been documented through the incredible works of Redouté, Gould and Audubon, among others.

## RARE BOOKS: LIBRARIANS' FAVOURITES

Fri 8 May, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Mitchell vestibule  
\$30 (bookings essential)

Discover the breadth and depth of the State Library's rare book collection and hear the fascinating stories of how some of these rare items were acquired by the Library. Librarians who love this collection will show you some of their favourite items including examples of early Australian printed books, beautiful hand-coloured plates, limited editions, contemporary rare books and other unusual and interesting items.



## CHRISTMAS IN THE COLLECTIONS

Wed 2 Dec, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Mitchell vestibule  
\$20 (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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# Care for your collections

## ANALYSIS & CARE OF OIL PAINTINGS

Thu 26 Mar, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Meet in the Mitchell vestibule  
\$50 (bookings essential)

Led by a painting conservator, this workshop focuses on analysing the materials that make up oil paintings and understanding the impact this has on their care. Examples from the Library's collection will be used to explore conservation issues and solutions. Please do not bring your own artworks. There will NOT be an opportunity to view participants' personal artworks.

## SPECIAL BACK OF HOUSE TOUR

Wed 1 Apr, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Thu 20 Aug, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Meet in the Macquarie St foyer

\$60 (bookings essential)

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the backrooms and stacks of the State Library? Be one of the few 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 and tight spaces to climb into. Very limited numbers.

## THE CRAFT OF WRITING PICTURE BOOKS

**NEW IN 2020**

Sat 7 Mar, 9 am to 3 pm

Meet in the Mitchell vestibule

\$100 (bookings essential)

How do you make text for a picture book shine? What are the essential elements for success? In this hands-on workshop, children's author and editor Sue Whiting will guide aspiring picture book writers through a day of inspiration, creativity and information about the craft of writing picture books. Sue Whiting is an award-winning author and editor of children's and young adult fiction.

## THE ART OF ILLUSTRATING PICTURE BOOKS

**NEW IN 2020**

Sat 8 Aug, 9 am to 3 pm

Meet in the Mitchell vestibule

\$100 (bookings essential)

Join Bethany Macdonald, author, illustrator and artist, for a hands-on workshop exploring the art of illustrating picture books. Bethany will share her personal insights on illustrating a picture book from start to finish and explore character creation, composition and colour along the way! Come along for a day of inspiration and surprise.

## PRESERVING YOUR HOME MOVIES **NEW IN 2020**

Thu 12 Mar, 10.30 am to 1 pm

Meet in the Macquarie St foyer

\$10 (bookings essential)

Are your cherished family memories stored on standard 8, super 8 or 16 mm film reels? Attend this workshop to learn how to identify film formats and gain understanding of film's common deterioration issues. Participants are encouraged to bring along one film reel to discover more about the content, have its condition assessed and get advice on next steps for preservation. (The workshop is limited to standard 8, super 8 or 16 mm film reels. **Please do not bring in 35 mm nitrate film.**)

## SPECIAL EVENT

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### HOUSE TALKS **NEW IN 2020**

Tue 4 Aug, 5 to 7 pm

Jubilee Room at the Parliament of NSW

Entry via the Parliament Guardhouse on Macquarie St

Free (bookings essential Ph: (02) 9230 2047 or

email: [dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au))

Don't miss this opportunity to see the chambers in session, hear a talk on the constitution and view 'Successive Stages of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia 1891' from the papers of Samuel Griffith.



## 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.nsw.gov.au](http://www.companioncard.nsw.gov.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 (standard locker: \$1 for four hours). No pens, food or drink of any kind are allowed in the vicinity of 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.**

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**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

[learning.library@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:learning.library@sl.nsw.gov.au)  
or (02) 9273 1778

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