

During and After Your Visit

The Local History & Genealogy (LHG) division is located on the third floor of Main Library at 96 S. Grant Ave. Columbus, OH 43215. Parking is available in the Library Park N garage.

All of the material in the department is for in-library use only so that it will always be available for visiting researchers. Most materials are available in open stacks that can be freely perused by the public. Some material deemed rare or fragile may be in closed stacks and will require a staff member for retrieval.

The department is always staffed with members available to answer questions and guide a customer's research.

In addition to research material, Local History & Genealogy also has available the following for self-service use:

- Microfilm / microfiche readers (capable of saving to a flash drive, emailing, or printing)
- Copier (capable of printing or emailing)
- Book scanner (capable of saving to a flash drive or emailing)
- Wifi
- Computers for genealogy use with access to various genealogy resources

A café is available on the first floor of the library for drinks and snacks. Tables are available in the café area. Due to the unique and fragile nature of much of the history and genealogy material, we ask researchers refrain from consuming food in the department. Drinks in containers with secure lids are allowable.

A selection of restaurants are located near the library. Ask a staff member for an updated list.

After your visit, if you have additional questions, please reach out to us at history@columbuslibrary.org or book a Reserve an Expert for a virtual meeting with a librarian.