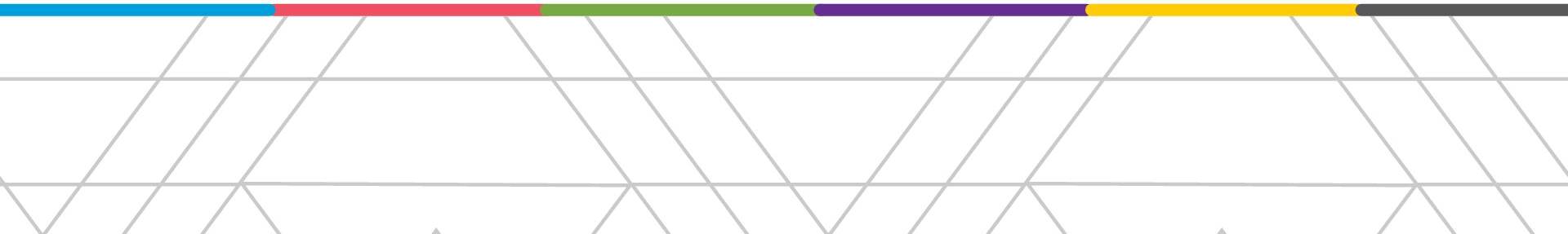


DENVER
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Genealogy Services

Special Collections and Archives



What is Special Collections and Archives?

- Specialize in Genealogy, African American, and Western history resources
- Unique in accessibility - our collections are fully accessible to the public!
- One department with four sections:
 - Reference Services
 - Cataloging and Digital Collections
 - Archives
 - African American Research Library at the Blair-Caldwell Library Branch
- Collections:
 - Published materials
 - Manuscript & Photo collections
 - Maps
 - Indexes and Ephemera
 - Digital resources & databases
 - Newspapers

Where can I find Special Collections and Archives?



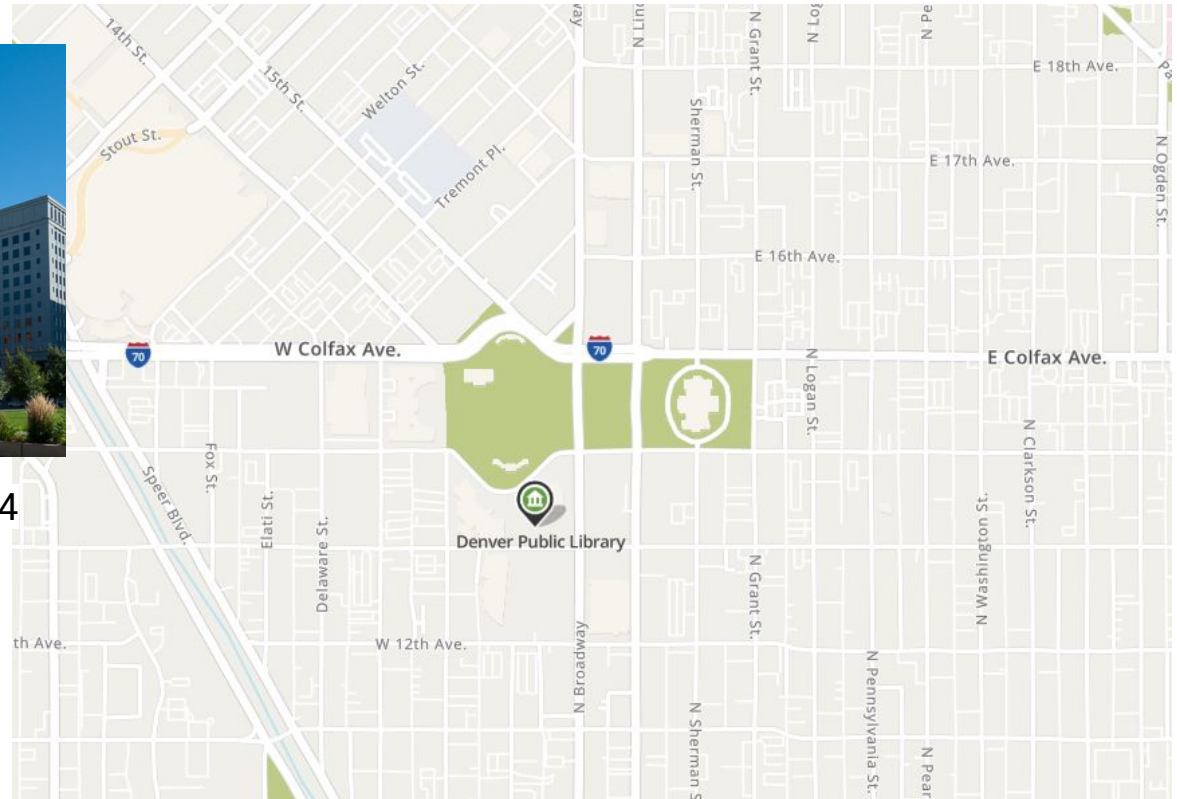
10 W. Fourteenth Ave. Pkwy. 80204

Sunday: 12 - 5 pm

Monday thru Thursday: 1 - 6 pm

Friday & Saturday: Closed

[Nearby parking garages and lots](#)



Under Construction!



- Grand Hall renovation with new central service points and staircases
- Public cafe and bookstore
- Teen library space
- Updated restrooms

[Construction updates](#)

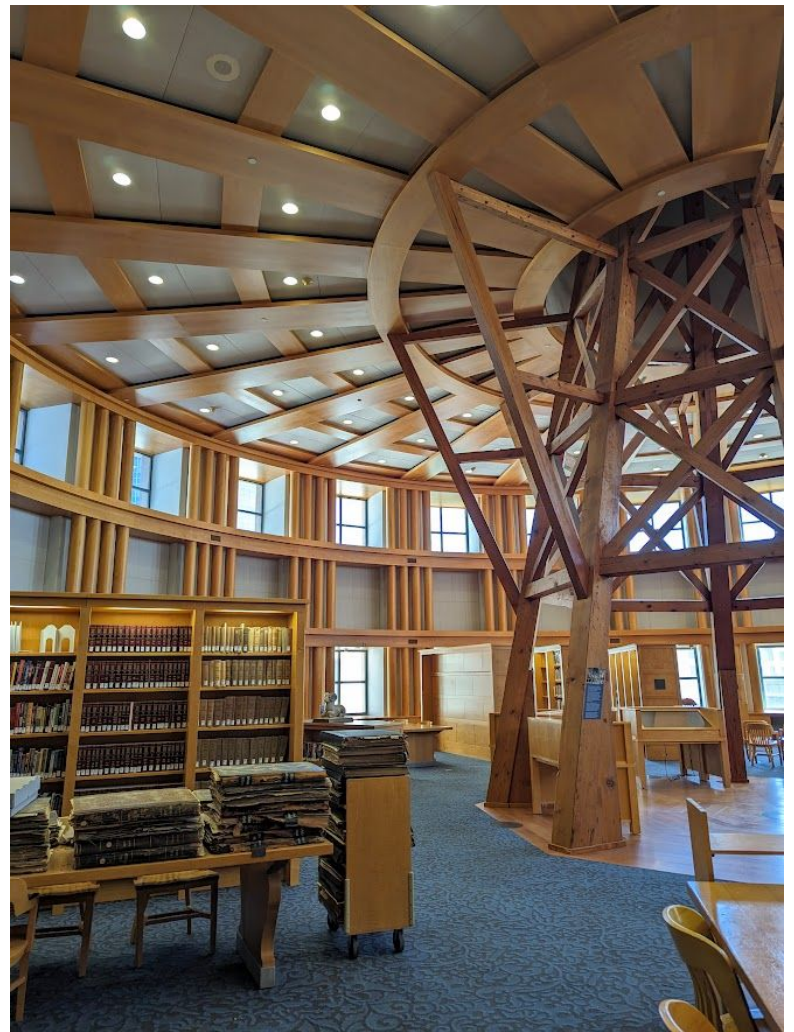
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Open stacks

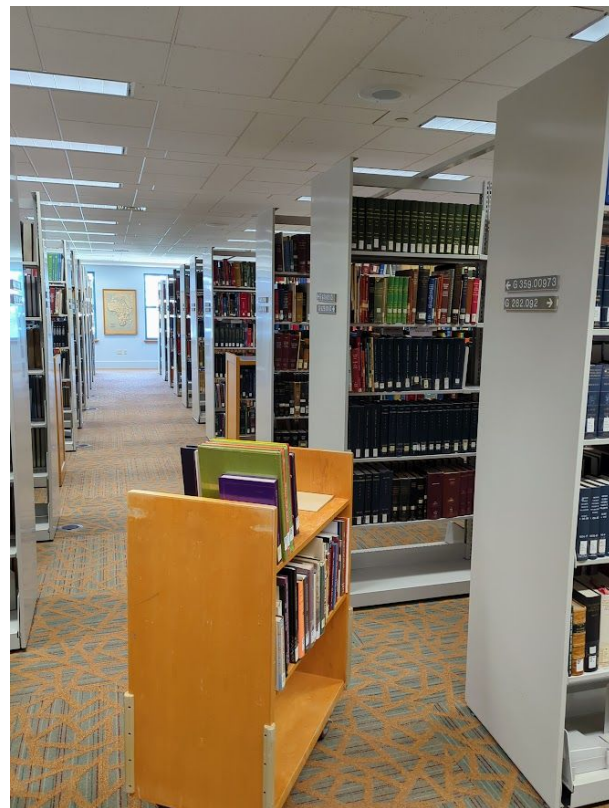
- Gates Reading Room
- Genealogy books
- Microfilm collections
- Map collections

Closed stacks

- Manuscript and archival materials
- Rare book collections
- Oversized atlases from the genealogy collection
- Special publications on Western History



What's in the open stacks?



Genealogy Collection

- >61,000 published books and serials
- Family histories, by name
- Small collection of family trees
- Indexes to vital and church records
- City directories and phone books
- Guides on ethnic groups, geographic places
- Yearbooks, maps



What's in the open stacks?



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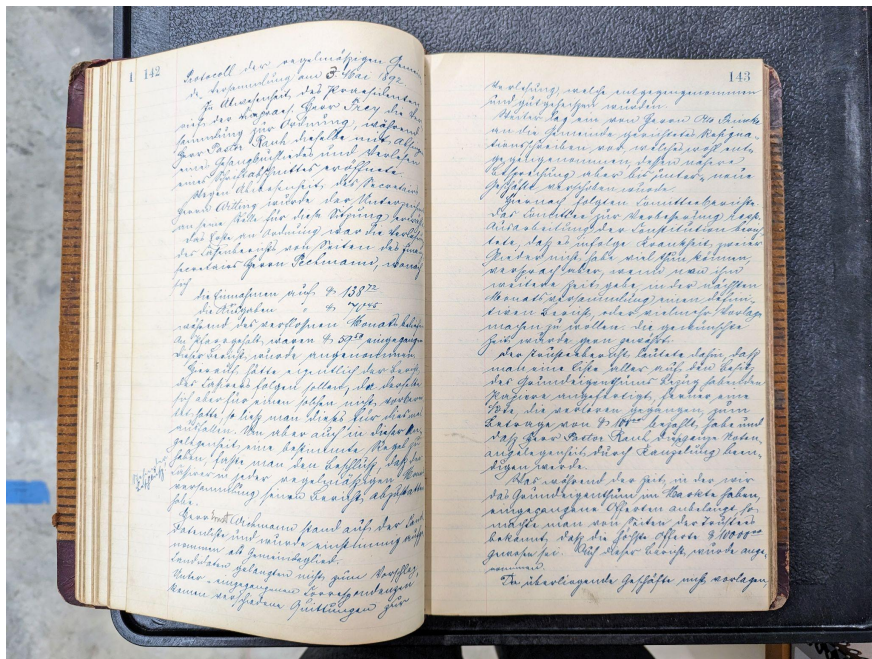


Charles Partridge Adams *Mountain View, Oregon*



Gwendolyn Duffill Meux *Muriel Sibell Wolle*

What's in the closed stacks?



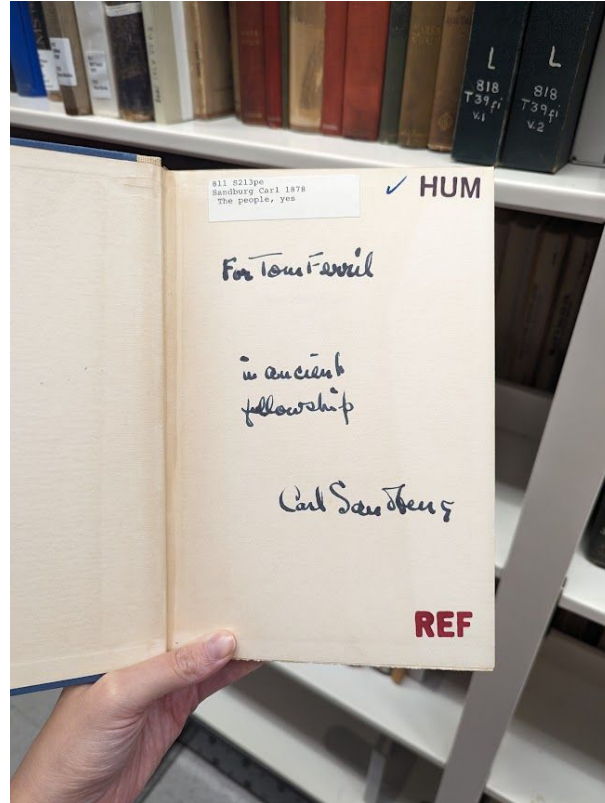
St John's Lutheran Church, WH2466

- Mortuary records
 - Howard Mortuary (new)
 - Moore Mortuary (new)
 - Horan Mortuary
 - Farmer and Hale Mortuary
 - Rogers Mortuary
- Individual family collections
 - ~150 family collections
- Professional genealogy organizations
 - Colorado Genealogical Society
 - DAR chapters
- Photo collections
 - Rocky Mountain News Records
 - Burnis McCloud Papers
- Denver Probate Records

What's in the closed stacks?



What's in the closed stacks?



What's in the closed stacks?

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No.	Date. 1900	Train.	Name, Occupation, Address.	Place of Accident and Injuries.	Claim Paid.
6976	Sept. 26	70	Ernest E. Hutchinson. Loco. Fireman. Salida.	Marshall Pass. Index finger on left hand mashed when placing coal board in engine tender a lump of coal rolled down and caught his finger against the board.	RELEASED <i>not reached</i>
6977	Sept. 26		Nels Volt. Trespasser. Coal Creek.	Florence Left arm amputated just above wrist. His back & back of his head also injured some what. Claims that while stealing a ride in a car of freight train, running at rate of 25 miles per hour, brakeman struck him with a club & knocked him out of doors & he fell under wheels.	✓
6978	Sept 28		Charles Stone	Canon City	

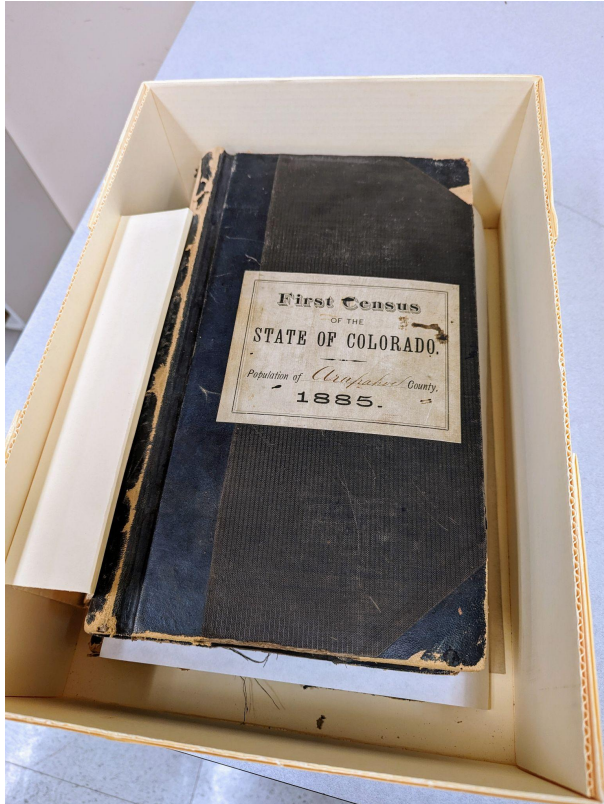
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County of Arapahoe

Note.—The mark / denotes the affirmative.

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How to find out what's there?

- Website and catalog of collections: denverlibrary.org
- Digital collections: digital.denverlibrary.org
- Archival collections: archives.denverlibrary.org
- Special Collections and Archives website: history.denverlibrary.org
- Email history@denverlibrary.org

What In-Person Research Looks Like Right Now

We are open for research!

- Two special collections librarians available to assist with research.
- We bring materials downstairs to you.
- No appointment needed, but you may request materials in advance.



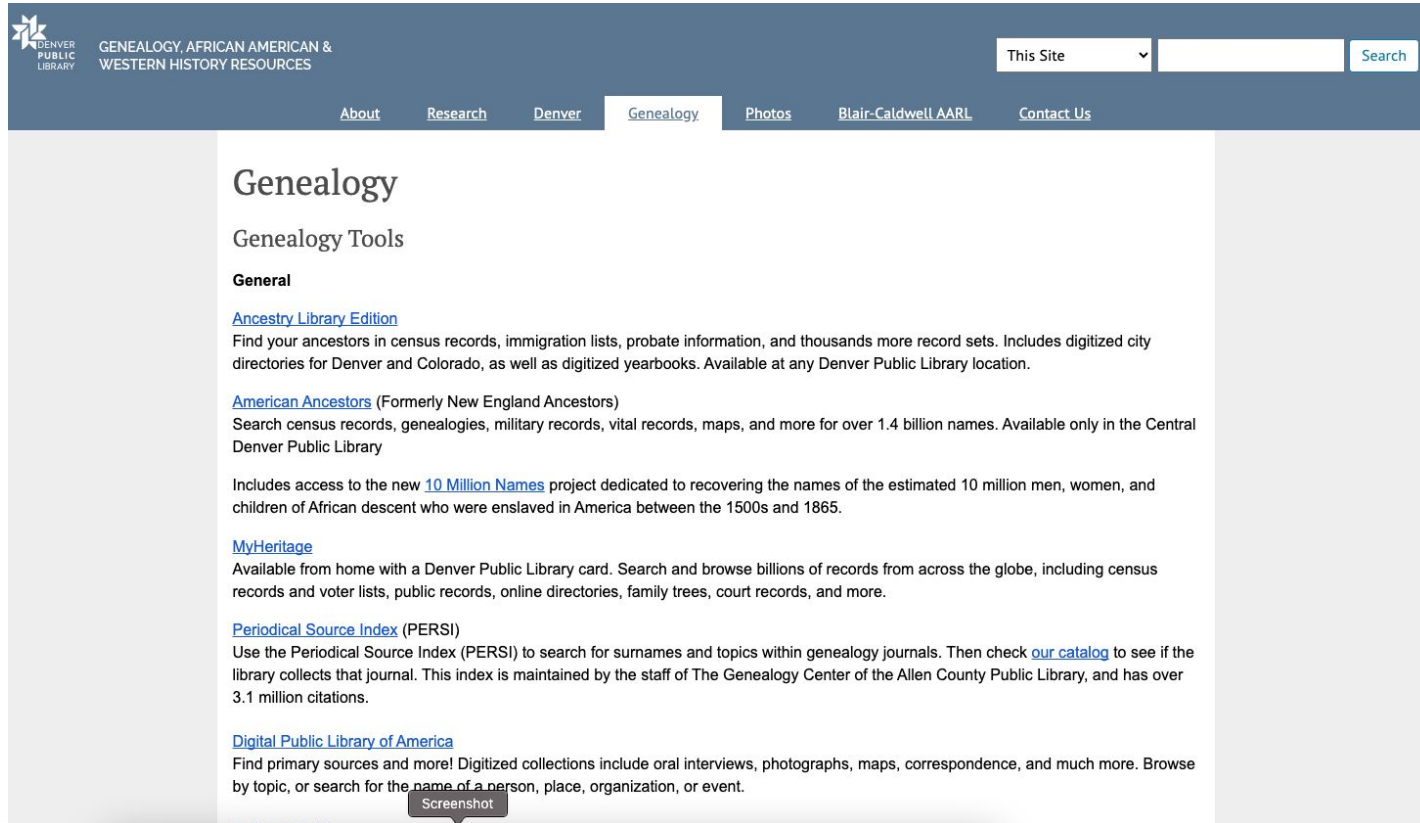
What In-Person Research Looks Like Right Now



Databases and Online Resources

- Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use online)
- HeritageHub
- American Ancestors
 - Includes the 10MillionNames Project
- MyHeritage
- Gale Directory Library
 - Biography and Genealogy Master Index
 - Passenger and Immigration Lists Index (2020, 2024 edition)
- Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970
 - Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico
- Access World News
- Black Historical Newspapers
- Academic Search Premier
- ArkivDigital

Databases and Online Resources



The screenshot shows the Denver Public Library website's Genealogy page. The header includes the library logo, the text "GENEALOGY, AFRICAN AMERICAN & WESTERN HISTORY RESOURCES", a search bar with "This Site" selected, and navigation links for "About", "Research", "Denver", "Genealogy", "Photos", "Blair-Caldwell AARL", and "Contact Us". The main content area features a "Genealogy" heading, a "Genealogy Tools" sub-heading, and a "General" section. Under "General", there are five links with descriptions: "Ancestry Library Edition", "American Ancestors", "10 Million Names", "MyHeritage", and "Periodical Source Index (PERSI)". A "Digital Public Library of America" link is also present. A "Screenshot" tooltip is visible at the bottom of the page.

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This Site Search

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Genealogy

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General

[Ancestry Library Edition](#)
Find your ancestors in census records, immigration lists, probate information, and thousands more record sets. Includes digitized city directories for Denver and Colorado, as well as digitized yearbooks. Available at any Denver Public Library location.

[American Ancestors](#) (Formerly New England Ancestors)
Search census records, genealogies, military records, vital records, maps, and more for over 1.4 billion names. Available only in the Central Denver Public Library

Includes access to the new [10 Million Names](#) project dedicated to recovering the names of the estimated 10 million men, women, and children of African descent who were enslaved in America between the 1500s and 1865.

[MyHeritage](#)
Available from home with a Denver Public Library card. Search and browse billions of records from across the globe, including census records and voter lists, public records, online directories, family trees, court records, and more.

[Periodical Source Index \(PERSI\)](#)
Use the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) to search for surnames and topics within genealogy journals. Then check [our catalog](#) to see if the library collects that journal. This index is maintained by the staff of The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library, and has over 3.1 million citations.

[Digital Public Library of America](#)
Find primary sources and more! Digitized collections include oral interviews, photographs, maps, correspondence, and much more. Browse by topic, or search for the name of a person, place, organization, or event.

Screenshot

Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library

The [Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library](#) reopened in August 2023!

The archival collections are available in the 1st floor Special Collections Reading Room at the [Central Library](#).



Genealogy programs



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Upcoming Events

If you're not seeing any events, try clearing your [web browser's cache](#) and/or selecting more locations in the Library Branch filter.

Filters

Keyword Search

Start Time

Age Group

- Adult
- Birth-Pre-K (ages 0 - 5)
- Kids (ages 5 - 12)
- Teen (ages 13 - 17)

Program Type

- Active Minds

		Upcoming	Month	Week	Day			
APR 10 WED	Foothills Genealogical Society Program: Overview of Genealogy Services at the Denver Public Library.	1:00pm - 2:30pm	APR 13 SAT	Beginning Genealogy with the Colorado Genealogical Society.	10:00am - 12:00pm	APR 14 SUN	WriteNow! with the Colorado Genealogical Society.	1:30pm - 3:30pm
APR 20 SAT	CGS Monthly Program: Settling the Great Plains	9:30am - 12:00pm	APR 27 SAT	CGS Program: Opening Up the U.S. Bureau of Land Management	9:30am - 12:00pm	MAY 11 SAT	Beginning Genealogy with the Colorado Genealogical Society.	10:00am - 12:00pm
MAY 14 TUE	Introduction to Mexican Genealogy.	7:00pm - 8:15pm	MAY 19 SUN	WriteNow! with the Colorado Genealogical Society.	1:30pm - 3:30pm	JUN 26 WED	Genealogy Drop-In Help	1:30pm - 3:30pm
JUL	Researching LGBTQ Genealogy.		AUG	Mexican Civil Registration: A Deep Dive		OCT	Introducción a la Investigación	



Research with us!

In person

- Sundays 12-5, Monday-Thursday 1-6.
- Email or call up to 2 days prior to request materials in advance (or just show up!)

Genealogy Drop-In Help

- One-on-one drop-in help Wednesday, June 26 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Central Library

By phone

- 720-865-1821 - during open hours.
- Librarian can offer research support or help prioritize next steps.

By email or virtual

- history@denverlibrary.org
- Research support, or can scan & email up to 50 pages gratis
- One hour on-camera virtual research appointments

Questions?

Reference Desk Phone:
720-865-1821

Email: history@denverlibrary.org

Open to the public for email and phone reference, and in-person visits.

Sunday - 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday to Thursday: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday: CLOSED

Saturday: CLOSED



Morey Junior High School, 1953, WH1990



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