

Genealogy Resources at SLPL



LOCATION

Genealogy Room + St. Louis Room + Rare Books & Manuscripts = Special Collections
3rd Floor of Central Library, 1301 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103

PARKING

Metered parking on Olive and Locust St.

FREE parking lot on corner of Olive and 15th

Contact Library to receive current code to access parking lot

HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 6pm

Friday - Saturday: 9am - 5pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

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NOTES:

Genealogy Room Resources

Book Collection

- General Genealogy
- International & Immigration
- Genealogy related to the U.S.
 - Large concentration on Missouri and states that individuals migrated to Missouri from (Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, the Carolinas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama)
- General History
 - Largest concentration is local history.
- Military: American Revolutionary War, Indian Wars, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War
- Native American materials
- History related to the U.S.
- Maps, Atlases, and Plat Books
 - Throughout Missouri and surrounding states
- Family Histories

Digital/Online Resources

- Free Access In-Library
 - Ancestry Library Edition
 - African American Communities Collection
 - [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) Affiliate Access
- Free Access from Home with Library Card
 - Fire Insurance Maps Online
 - Fold3
 - Mostly Military Records
 - HeritageQuest Online
 - Census records, Freedman's Bank Records, and more
 - Historic St. Louis Post Dispatch database (1874-2003)
 - Library Edition of [Newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)

Microfilm/Microfiche

- Local Newspapers (back to 1800s)
- Census Records and Soundex
- City Directories
 - St. Louis City and County
 - Various large cities across U.S.
- St. Louis City Vital Records
- St. Louis Coroner's Inquest, pre-1900
- Compile Military Service Records
- Passenger Records
- Native American Rolls
- St. Louis Board of Educations (1974-2002)
- Race, Slavery & Free Blacks - Series #2
 - Petitions to Southern County Courts, 1775-1867
 - Over 15,000 petitions and 124,000 pages of documentary evidence from 15 states and D.C.

SLPL Resources & Services

- St. Louis Obituary Request
- Research Guides
- SLPL Digital Collections
 - World's Fair
 - Steedman Architectural Library
 - George Fox Steedman, donated in 1928, opened 1930
 - Influential and rare architectural publications
 - To arrange a tour of the Steedman Room in-person, please contact
 - Email: steedmanroom@slpl.org or rarebooks@slpl.org
 - Phone: 314-539-0370
 - Various Scrapbooks and Photography Collections
 - Alfred Fleishman Collection
 - Promotional Director for the St. Louis Cardinals
 - Extensive collection of correspondence, photographs, biographical materials, published articles, speeches & writings, clippings, awards, memorabilia, and audio

St. Louis Room

- Materials related to local history
- St. Louis House Number Certificates and Building Permits
 - Assigning street numbers to new buildings (mostly homes) in St. Louis city ca. 1880 – 1976
 - Over 100,000 certificates
 - Not all homes, but it's worth checking
- Yearbooks for St. Louis high schools and universities
- Much, Much More!

Special Emphasis

- African American Genealogy Resources
 - WPA Slave Narratives
 - Washington Park Cemetery Burial Cards
 - Historically Black, local Newspapers
 - *St. Louis Argus*
 - *St. Louis American*
- German, Irish, and Italian Genealogy Resources
 - Large St. Louis Immigrant Populations

Upcoming Programs

October

- **Oct. 11, at 10:00am** - *Genealogy Resources at St. Louis Public Library (SLPL)*
 - Clark Family Branch, St. Louis County Library
 - 1640 South Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63131
- **Oct. 11, at 1:00pm** - *Intro to [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)*
 - Genealogy Room at the Central Library, St. Louis Public Library
 - 1301 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103
- **Oct. 31, at 10:00am** - *Greenwood Cemetery Headstone Cleaning Workshop - 3rd Annual*
 - Greenwood Cemetery
 - 6571 St Louis Ave, St. Louis, MO 63121

November

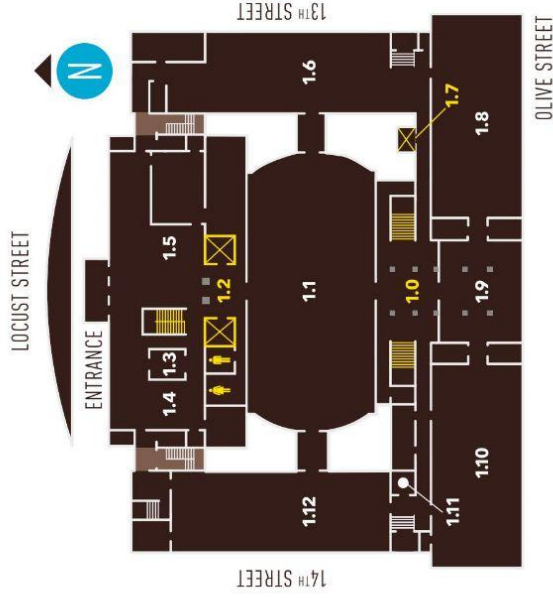
- **Nov. 6, at Noon** - *Access Your Ancestor's Military Documents*
 - Buder Library, St. Louis Public Library
 - 4401 Hampton Ave, St. Louis, MO 63109
- **Nov. 8, at 1:00pm** - *Intro to [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)*
 - Genealogy Room at the Central Library, St. Louis Public Library
 - 1301 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103
- **Nov. 13, at 1:00pm** - *Intro to Fold3*
 - Genealogy Room at the Central Library, St. Louis Public Library
 - 1301 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103
- **Nov. 15, at 10:00am** - *Being Cherokee*
 - Presented by Galen Gritts
 - Carnegie Room at the Central Library, St. Louis Public Library
 - 1301 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103

December

- **Dec. 11, at 2:00pm** - *Genealogy Room Tour*
 - Genealogy Room at the Central Library, St. Louis Public Library
 - 1301 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103
- **Dec. 13, at 1:00pm** - *Intro to [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)*
 - Genealogy Room at the Central Library, St. Louis Public Library
 - 1301 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103

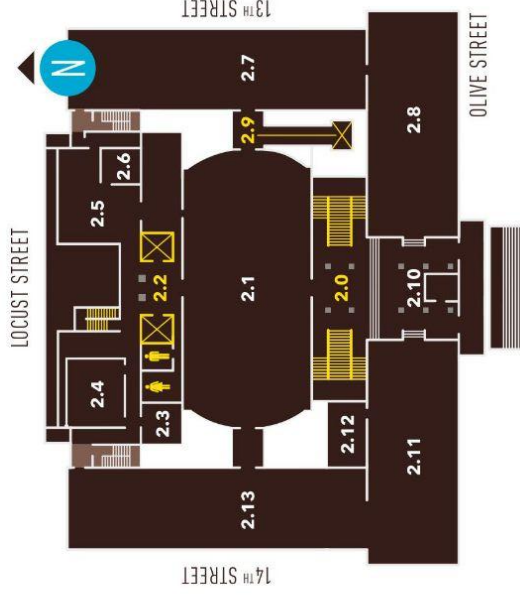
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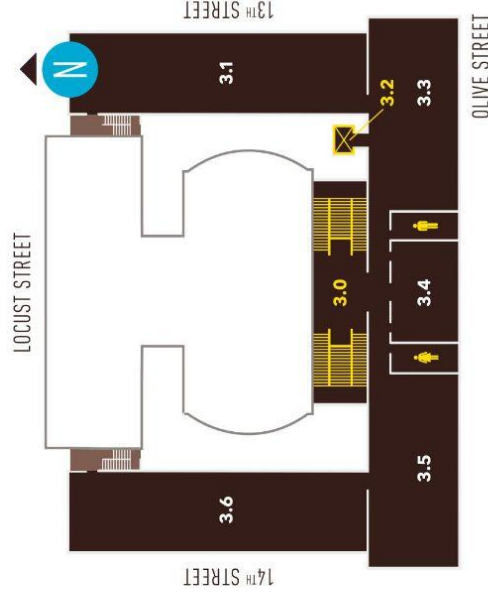
- 1.0** Grand Stairs
- 1.1** Adult Fiction
- 1.2 ELEVATORS (AUDITORIUM, 1ST & 2ND FLOORS)**
- 1.3** Book Club Room
- 1.4** Café (Popular magazines & newspapers)
- 1.5** Locust Checkout and Items on Hold
- 1.6** Children's Library
- 1.7 SOUTH ELEVATOR TO 3RD FLOOR**
- 1.8** Teen Lounge
- 1.9** Creative Experience (technology maker space)
- 1.10** Movies & Music (DVDs, CDs, audiobooks & video games)
- 1.11** Copy Center
- 1.12** Science & Technology, Patents & Trademarks (500-699)

SECOND FLOOR



- 2.0** Grand Stairs
- 2.1** Great Hall
- 2.2 ELEVATORS (AUDITORIUM, 1ST & 2ND FLOORS)**
- 2.3** Meeting Room
- 2.4** Training Room
- 2.5** Computer Commons
- 2.6** Meeting Room
- 2.7** Social Sciences and Grants & Foundation Center (000-399)
- 2.8** History & Languages (400s & 900s)
- 2.9 SOUTH ELEVATOR TO 3RD FLOOR**
- 2.10** Olive Checkout
- 2.11** Fine Arts (700-779)
- 2.12** Steedman Architectural Collection
- 2.13** Sports, Performing Arts, Literature & Biographies (780-899, Biography)

THIRD FLOOR



- 3.0** Grand Stairs
- 3.1** Genealogy
- 3.2 SOUTH ELEVATOR**
- 3.3** Special Collections
- 3.4** Carnegie Room
- 3.5** St. Louis Room (Local History)
- 3.6** Rare Books & Manuscripts