



# Manatee County Public Library System

[www.mymanatee.org/library](http://www.mymanatee.org/library)

## Historical Research for Students

### Search the Library Catalog

Go to the Library's website to search the catalog. Start with a **subject** search:

Lincoln, Abraham  
King, Martin Luther  
Osceola  
Perry, Madison

If you don't know the subject, search with **keyword** (or **your words in any field**).

Florida governors  
Florida women Civil War

### Browse the shelves

Manatee County History 975.962  
Florida History 975.9  
American History 973

### Library Historical Collections and Digital Sources

Go to [www.mymanatee.org/library](http://www.mymanatee.org/library)

Click "History and Genealogy"

Access our databases, genealogy resources, Historic Image Digital Collection, and outside links.

### Eaton Room Historical Collection

Local history books  
Historical maps and aerial photos  
Yearbooks from local high schools  
Telephone books and city directories dating back to 1897  
Transcribed oral interviews and speeches  
Federal census records of Florida on microfilm dating back to 1830  
Local newspapers on microfilm  
Newspaper clippings of local historical events  
Florida history magazines and journals

## Historic Images Database from Manatee County Public Library System

Images of Manatee County's people, activities, and buildings from the late nineteenth century to the early 1980's. These primary source photos feature many prominent local families and their important role in building and documenting Manatee County.



### Library Databases

America's GenealogyBank  
Salem History  
Sources in U.S. History Online: Civil War  
U. S. History Collection  
World History Collection  
EBSCO Masterfile  
Gale General OneFile

### Useful Websites

**Florida Memory** ([http://www.floridamemory.com/onlineclassroom/history\\_fair/](http://www.floridamemory.com/onlineclassroom/history_fair/))  
State Library and Archives of Florida resources related to this year's Florida History Fair theme.

**Florida Department of State** <http://www.floridahistoryfair.com/tips/findsources.cfm>  
List of libraries and archives that have primary sources.

**National Archives** <http://www.archives.gov/research/>  
Digital copies of Federal primary sources like the Constitution and military records.

**Exploring Florida** <http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/default.htm>  
Florida primary sources including documents, photos, maps, and music. Click on Floripedia for historic documents.

**Library of Congress** <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/>  
National primary sources clustered in topics like "Harlem Renaissance" and "Woman's Suffrage."

**Citing Primary Sources** <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/citing.html>  
Choose Chicago or MLA style and then your source for an explanation and example citation.

**Internet Public Library** <http://www.ipl.org/div/pf/>  
Research guides for the biggest events in American History. Includes links to primary sources.

**For more information, call the Central Library, Information Services Department:**



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