Can I bring my own Smart Phone or Computer?
Yes! Cameras and other electronic devices are also permitted. Please no food, drink, or writing implements other than pencils.

Do I need to make an appointment?
If you are traveling from out of town, we suggest scheduling a visit in advance. However, walk-ins are also welcome!

Do you take donations of local history materials?
With pleasure! Please contact the Reference Desk at Main Library for a donation form or for more information.

Will someone be able to help me with my research?
Reference Librarians will be happy to try and assist you during your visit. However, keep in mind that most research is self-directed. We do offer staff research for a fee.

BAPL Reference Librarians will be happy to pull items related to your research prior to your visit. Contact us beforehand to do so!

We can also obtain articles for you or perform remote research. Rates vary, please email or call us for more details.

https://www.bapl.org/local-history/
info@bapl.org
610-867-3761 x399
11 W. Church St. Bethlehem, PA 18018

Research and Learn about Bethlehem’s Past!
**Physical Collections**

- Local Newspapers
- Maps
- Photographs
- City Directories
- Local History Pamphlets
- Archival Collections
- Library History
- Bethlehem Steel
- Musikfest Brochures
- Yearbooks
- Church Records
- Audiovisual Materials
- Microfilm
- City Records
- Periodicals
- Local Authors

Doing house research? Ask a librarian for our handy house research guide!

**Did you know?**

BAPL's Local History Collection contains over 5,000 bound items, 1,000 rolls of microfilm, 25 archival collections, and hundreds of photographs and postcards.

**Digital Collections**

- World War II News Clippings
- The Bethlehem Gadfly
- The Black Bethlehem Project
- The Morning Call
- The Express-Times
- Liberty High School
- Levine Postcard Collection
- Lehigh Valley Underground Music Archive (LVUMA)
- Bethlehem Digital History Project
- Library Podcasts
- Historic Newspapers
- Local History Timeline
- BAPL History + More!

Record Your Community's History! Ask about our Oral History Backpack at the Front Desk.

**Equipment Available**

- Large Format Scanner
  - Large format scanner suitable for larger documents and bound materials
- Flat Bed Scanner
  - Scanner suitable for small documents, photographs, and postcards. Connected to a PC with Internet/USB
- Microfilm Reader
  - Capable of reading 16mm and 32mm microfilm and saving or emailing images from the film
- Windows PC
  - PC with access to BAPL's catalog, digital collections, and finding aids