



## National History Day Resources at the Maryland State Library Resource Center

### SERVICES TO SUPPORT YOUR RESEARCH:

- Contact SLRC Departments for project assistance from a librarian. [www.slrc.info/collections](http://www.slrc.info/collections)
  - Visit the library to get help finding books, primary source documents and other materials
  - If you need in-depth research assistance, email your question to a department and work directly with one of our subject specialists, or make a 1-on-1 appointment.
  - Call a subject specialist if you would like to make sure that there is enough material available before finalizing your topic proposal
- Live chat and email reference at [prattlibrary.org/contact](http://prattlibrary.org/contact)
- Access to Web guides created by subject specialist librarians at [prattlibrary.org/research/tools](http://prattlibrary.org/research/tools)
- Digital collections available online at [www.digitalmaryland.org](http://www.digitalmaryland.org), including primary source material

### DEPARTMENTS TO CONTACT TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR RESEARCH:

The State Library's books and other materials are housed in its **subject departments**. Take a look at what you can find in each department and the types of topics you can research in each. Keep in mind that many subjects can be researched in multiple departments.

- African American Department: (410) 361-9287, [afm@prattlibrary.org](mailto:afm@prattlibrary.org)
  - **What you'll find here:** *in-depth collection of both historical and contemporary resources that pertain to the history and culture of African Americans*
  - **Example topics they can help you with:** *Agent to Conductor: Coded Communication on the Underground Railroad; Raising Consciousness: How the Black Panther Newspaper Nurtured African American Communities*
- Best and Next: (410) 396-4616, [sas@prattlibrary.org](mailto:sas@prattlibrary.org)
  - **What you'll find here:** *audio-visual materials (DVDs, video, 16mm film, music CDs, tapes and records, audio books)*
  - **Example topics they can help you with:** *most topics can be researched using this department's resources with significant resources for history, African-American history, music, early cinema and the history of film*
- Business, Science and Technology: (410) 396-5317, [bst@prattlibrary.org](mailto:bst@prattlibrary.org)
  - **What you'll find here:** *business, economics, mathematics, computers, science, technology, health, medicine, gardening, cooking, dance, sports, games, and military science*
  - **Example topics they can help you with:** *AT&T, the Kingsbury Commitment and the Founding of the FCC ; Paris! London! Chicago! How Worlds Fairs Revolutionized Technological Communication*

- Fine Arts and Music: (410) 396-5490, [far@prattlibrary.org](mailto:far@prattlibrary.org)
  - **What you'll find here:** visual arts (like drawing, painting, cartooning, sculpture, photography), architecture, music, interior design, fashion, and crafts
  - **Example topics they can help you with:** *The Power of Popculture: Effect of 1960s Protest Songs on Public Opinion; From Guernica to the Charnel House: Pablo Picasso and the Art of Resistance*
  
- Humanities: (410) 396-5487, [hum@prattlibrary.org](mailto:hum@prattlibrary.org)
  - **What you'll find here:** philosophy, religion, language (foreign languages and English), literature and literary criticism, plays, theater and screenplays
  - **Example topics they can help you with:** *The Illustrated Struggle: The Role of Comic Books in Representing Marginalized Communities; Writing on the Black Experience: Sharing Life's Journey*
  
- Maryland Department: (410) 396-5468, [mdx@prattlibrary.org](mailto:mdx@prattlibrary.org)
  - **What you'll find here:** books and other material related to history, genealogy, politics and law, biography, religion, transportation, education, social issues, literature, sports, the arts, and other aspects of Maryland or the people, places and events that have occurred in the state
  - **Example topics they can help you with:** *Communication is Freedom: The Baltimore Afro-American; The Iron Pony Express: How the B&O Railroad Revolutionized the United States Postal Service*
  
- Periodicals: (410) 396-5451, [per@prattlibrary.org](mailto:per@prattlibrary.org)
  - **What you'll find here:** journals, magazines, and newspapers (all found on both print and microfilm/fiche), and indexes to these materials
  - **Example topics they can help you with:** *most topics can be researched using this department's resources, in some cases, newspaper and magazine articles are primary resources*
  
- Social Science and History Department: (410) 396-5320, [ssh@prattlibrary.org](mailto:ssh@prattlibrary.org)
  - **What you'll find here:** anthropology, archaeology, costume history, criminology, education, folklore, geography and travel, national and international history, law, marriage and the family, political science, sociology and social problems, and women's studies
  - **Example topics they can help you with:** *The First Social Network: Coffee House Culture in 17th Century London, Addressing the Nation: How FDR's Fireside Chats Changed Presidential Communication*
  
- Special Collections: (443) 984-2451, [spc@prattlibrary.org](mailto:spc@prattlibrary.org) - Please call or e-mail to make an appointment.
  - **What you'll find here:** Unique and original pieces of historical material including rare books, photographs, maps, ephemera (posters, postcards), sheet music, art, political cartoons, personal papers and letters, and organization records
  - **Example topics they can help you with:** *many topics can be researched using this department's resources, and many primary sources are available in this department including material on: Edgar Allan Poe, H.L. Mencken, WWI & II, Women's suffrage in Maryland, 19th century exploration, history of wine and food, Civil War songs, poems and political cartoons, and writers and artists from Maryland.*