



Melrose Public Library

Local History Room

Information and Procedure for Use

Melrose Public Library provides an extensive local history collection. Resources include:

- Books on Melrose history
- City Directories and/or List of Persons back to 1872/73
- Late 19th century atlases
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps on microfilm from 1887-1934
- Melrose newspapers on microfilm (not indexed)
- Town/City Reports from 1851-1979/80
- Melrose High School yearbooks back to 1925
- Files of clippings, photographs and miscellanea
- Family histories

The Reading Room showcases a browsable general collection of genealogical and historical books, and microfilm. Melrose High School yearbooks and City and Town Annual Reports are kept in a locked cabinet in the room. Other Melrose resources and collections are located in the locked climate-controlled storage room adjacent to the Reading Room.

Many of the materials have been digitized and are available on our Digital Heritage Website. This collection includes Melrose High School yearbooks, Town and City Annual Reports, selected books on Melrose history, many historical photographs and more. Melrose newspapers are available online through our Digital Newspaper Archive assessible from our website.

Please contact a Reference Librarian for access to the physical non-circulating collection.

Due to the valuable nature of this collection, the following procedure is to be followed by all users:

1. Appointments are required for patrons needing access to the local history room.
2. Sign in at the Reference Desk upon arrival. Identity will be verified by ID.
3. Staff will have you leave all bags, large or bulky items at the Main Desk.
4. A Reference Librarian will accompany patrons to the room.
5. There is a small copier in the room for the convenience of patrons, as no material may be taken from the room. Suggested donation of .25/page for copying may be paid at the Reference Desk. There is no cost to scan to a USB drive.
6. The Local History room is a closed collection primarily intended for adult research purposes; all patrons under the age of 16 must bring adult supervision to use the room.
7. No food or drink is allowed in the room.
8. The room will be kept locked at all times.