



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. <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, e-mail your question to a department and work directly with one of our subject specialists, or make a 1-on-1 appointment. http://calendar.prattlibrary.org/event/national_history_day_1-on-1_coaching
 - Call a subject specialist if you would like to make sure that there is enough material available before finalizing your topic proposal
- Online chat reference 24 hours a day at <http://askusnow.info>
- Access to Web guides created by subject specialist librarians at prattlibrary.org/research/tools
- Digital collections available online at <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
 - **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:** *Selling Souls for Sugar: Slavery and the Sugar Islands; Fighting in World War One and not Compromising Ideals: The Harlem Hellfighters.*
- Business, Science and Technology: (410) 396-5317, 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:** *Galileo: The Conflict and Compromise Between Science and Catholicism; The European Coal and Steel Community that led to a Union; The Conflict of Blood Diamonds and the Compromise of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.*
- Fine Arts and Music: (410) 396-5490, 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:** *Rogers and Hammerstein: From Lighthearted Musicals to Serious Social Issues; Blues Music and Copyright; Peer-to-Peer File Sharing: Metallica vs. Napster; Les Fauves Artists and their Refusal to Compromise.*

- Humanities: (410) 396-5487, 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 Second Great Awakening: Religious Conflict Driving Social Compromises; Conflicting Ideas over Religion: New Immigrants Challenging the Protestant Ideal; The Crusades: No Compromise for Faith; Sikhs and Hindus: A History of Conflict and Compromise*

- Maryland Department: (410) 396-5468, 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:** *Barbara Mikulski and the Road that Never Was; Religious Conflict and Compromise: The Toleration Act; The Oyster Wars of the Chesapeake Bay; The Move: Cleveland Browns to Baltimore Ravens; B&O Railroad vs. C&O Canal and the Point of Rocks Compromise; Wallis Warfield Simpson and the Abdication of Edward VIII.*

- Periodicals: (410) 396-5451, 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

- Sights and Sounds: (410) 396-4616, 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

- Social Science and History Department: (410) 396-5321, 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:** *Social Conflict During War: Japanese Internment; The End of Compromise: Boudicca's Fight Against Rome; The Troubles: The Conflict and Compromise of Ireland; Conflicting Opinions, Compromised Values: The Vietnam Generation.*

- Special Collections: (443) 984-2451, 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.*