

# American Archives Month Public Programs at the National Archives



## National Archives, New York, NY

Programs will take place at the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House at One Bowling Green, NY, NY.

**Tuesday, October 8, at noon to 1 p.m.**

**Learning Center**

***Open House and Finding Family: Beginner Genealogy at the National Archives***

Learn how to begin your genealogical research using Passenger Arrival, Census and Naturalization records at the National Archives. This program is a part of the National Archives “Archives Month” Open House. Registration: The public should register via [newyork.archives@nara.gov](mailto:newyork.archives@nara.gov) or 866-840-1752 to reserve a space.

**Friday, October 11, at 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Building Rotunda**

***New York’s National Treasures***

Uncover the rich treasures of the National Archives with this ongoing discovery session that highlights some of our most requested and most important documents.

**Saturday, October 12, noon-3 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Collector’s Office**

***Exploring records of the U.S. Custom House***

Come learn about the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House building by examining architectural records about the building as well as the U.S. Custom Service. This program is part of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual OHNY (Open House New York )

**Wednesday, October 23, noon-2 p.m.**

**Learning Center**

***Prohibition Gangsters: The Rise and Fall of a Bad Generation***

Master story teller **Marc Mappen** applies a generational perspective to the gangsters of the Prohibition era using many documents found within the holdings of the National Archives to describe the lives these gangsters lived and the battles they fought. This lecture will run from Noon to 2pm in the Learning Center. Copies of the book, along with the author’s signature will be available immediately after the lecture.

## **National Archives, Boston, MA**

Program will take place at 380 Trapello Road, Waltham, MA 02452

**Tuesday, October 1, at 2 p.m.**

***What's NOT Online: Researching Family History with Original Records in the National Archives at Boston.*** Despite the many online programs that help us with genealogy research, there is still so much more that is not available online! Your National Archives holds a treasure trove of original records, and it's a great resource for your family research. So many records are not online, and they are waiting for you to find them! Program for the general public and family historians. Free Registration Requested. Call 781-663-0130 or email [boston.education@nara.gov](mailto:boston.education@nara.gov)

## **National Archives, Kansas City, MO**

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will take place at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108.

**Saturday, October 5, 8:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.**

***Preservation Workshop: Preservation Matters: Dos and Don'ts, Digital Records, and Disaster Response***

The program will feature workshops from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., providing practical preservation techniques to protect family records. Reserve your time slot from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. to bring a single item to the Preservation One-on-One clinic. Receive personal advice on how to best preserve it for years to come.

**Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. reception/6:30 p.m. program**

***Phil Dixon on Jack Johnson in His Own Words: 1921 Leavenworth Prison Manuscripts***  
Evening lecture using records found at the National Archives at Kansas City, **Phil Dixon** will discuss the life of Jack Johnson and his time served at a Federal penitentiary.

**Thursday, October 17, at 10:00 a.m.**

***Genealogy Workshop; More than Just Ship Passenger Arrival Lists***

The breadth of immigration records available online and in archives can seem overwhelming. Come learn what original records you can find at the National Archives and what you can discover online. Records range from passport applications, naturalization documents, passenger arrival lists and more!

**Monday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. program**

***Different Diamonds: Baseball's Non-Traditional Settings***

**(off-site at Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, 1616 East 18th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108)**

Panel discussion with **Bill Staples** and **Tim Rives** on baseball in non-traditional environments: internment camps, Indian Reservations, and a Federal penitentiary. This program is a part of the *Swing into History: Baseball and American Culture Lecture Series*

**Wednesday, October 30, 6:00 p.m. reception/6:30 p.m. program**

***Chris Cruz on How Fred Harvey's Concepts Changed the Railroad Dining Industry.***

**Chris Cruz** is a Topeka-based railroad historian. This lecture is part of the Fred Harvey Lecture Series.

## **National Archives, St Louis, MO**

**All programs will take place off site at Lambert International Airport, Terminal 1 Display Windows**

**Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2:00-6:00 p.m.**

***American Archives Month Archivist Talks and Records Display***

Focusing on the restoration of damaged military records and photos of men and women who have served in the armed services, in conjunction with NARA record display windows, National Archives archivist and preservation staff in St. Louis will discuss the records, distribute literature, answer questions about genealogy research, and encourage the public to visit the national archives in St. Louis and various locations throughout the United States.

## **National Archives, Washington, DC**

**All programs will take place in the William G. McGowan Theater. Entrance is at the Special Events Entrance at 7<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC, 20004**

**Friday, October 4, at noon**

***Appomattox: Victory, Defeat, and Freedom at the End of the Civil War***

Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox Court House evokes a popular image of a moment of patriotism untainted by ideology. But **Elizabeth Varon** reveals that this rosy image conceals a seething debate over what the surrender meant and what kind of nation would emerge from war. Lee and Grant held opposite views of the direction of the country—and of the meaning of the war that had changed the country forever. A book signing will follow the program.

**Monday, October 7, at noon**

***The Power of Citizenship: Why John F. Kennedy Matters to a New Generation***

Author **Scott Reich** asserts in *The Power of Citizenship* that the most powerful element of Kennedy's legacy is his emphasis on the theme of citizenship, and that a redirection to the values Kennedy promoted will shine a bright path forward for our country. A book signing will follow the program.

**Tuesday, October 15, at noon**

***George Washington: Gentleman Warrior***

British historian **Stephen Brumwell** provides a vivid recounting of the formative years and military career of George Washington, following his journey from brutal border skirmishes with the French and their Native American allies to his remarkable victory over the British. Brumwell focuses on Washington as the feisty young frontier officer and the tough 40-something commander of the revolutionaries' ragtag Continental Army. A book signing follows the

**Thursday, October 17, at noon**

***JFK in the Senate: Pathway to the Presidency***

Before John F. Kennedy became a legendary young President, he was the junior Senator from Massachusetts. The Senate was where JFK's Presidential ambitions were first realized. Author **John Shaw** looks at how the young Senator catapulted himself onto the national stage and provides new insight into an underappreciated aspect of his political career. A book signing follows the program.

**Thursday, October 17 at 7 p.m.**

***Discovery and Recovery: Eyewitness Accounts***

A new exhibition at the National Archives details the recovery and preservation of historic materials—discovered in 2003 in a flooded basement in Saddam Hussein's intelligence headquarters—relating to the Jewish community in Iraq. Director of Preservation Programs **Doris Hamburg** and Conservation Chief **MaryLynn Ritzenthaler** from the National Archives; **Maurice Shohet**, analyst at the Middle East Media Research Institute; and **William D. Cavness, Jr.**, retired Foreign Service Officer, will chronicle the dramatic story behind the exhibit and discuss the historic significance of the items saved. **Larry Abramson**, National Security Correspondent for NPR, will moderate the discussion.

**Wednesday, October 23, at 7 p.m.**

***Breaking the Line: Sports as a Catalyst for Social Change***

During the 1960s, sports played a significant role in the American Civil Rights Movement. Football coaches and players at historically black colleges and universities led the push for racial equality in sports. **Samuel G. Freedman**, author of *Breaking the Line: The Season in Black College Football That Transformed the Sport and Changed the Course of Civil Rights*, will moderate a panel including former NFL players **James Harris** and **R. C. Gamble**, as well as **Michael Hurd**, sports writer and co-founder of the Black College Football Museum. The panel will discuss the efforts of these coaches and players to prove the intellectual acumen of African Americans at a time when the prevailing prejudice said that blacks were not smart enough to be successful at the game. A book signing will follow the program.

**Friday, October 25, at noon**

***Race to the Top of the World: Richard Byrd and the First Flight to the North Pole***

Richard Byrd and Roald Amundsen competed to be the first to fly over the North Pole. Author **Sheldon Bart** discusses their race and the epic struggle that ended in an enduring mystery: who was the first man to fly over the North Pole? A book signing will follow the program.

**Tuesday October 29, at noon**

***Tip and the Gipper: When Politics Worked***

They were the political odd couple—the two most powerful men in the country who, in author **Chris Matthews's** words, “couldn't be more different or more the same.” For six years Matthews was on the inside, watching the evolving relationship between President Ronald Reagan and Speaker of the House Thomas P. “Tip” O'Neill. Their philosophies were miles apart—Reagan intent on scaling back government, O'Neill fervent in defending it. Yet there was common ground and a mutual respect—political and personal—that showed how bipartisan cooperation can work. A book signing will follow the program.

**Wednesday, October 30, at noon**

***All the Great Prizes: The Life of John Hay, from Lincoln to Roosevelt***

John Hay witnessed the creation of the Republican Party, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and the prelude to the First World War. Much of what we know about Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt comes to us through the observations Hay made while private secretary to one and Secretary of State to the other. Author **John Taliaferro** gives a rich and fascinating portrait of this brilliant American. A book signing will follow the program.

**Wednesday, October 30, at 7 p.m.**

**Ninth Annual McGowan Forum on Communications**

***Communicating the Presidency: Presidential Photographers***

What is it like to photograph the most powerful person in the world? The Presidential photographer documents history, capturing official events, and private moments. Veteran Presidential photographers **David Hume Kennerly** (Gerald Ford), **David Valdez** (George H.W. Bush), **Sharon Farmer** (Bill Clinton), and **Eric Draper** (George W. Bush) discuss their photographs and personal recollections of photographing the Presidents. Presented in partnership with the White House Historical Association and the White House Correspondents' Association. *This program is generously supported by the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, Inc.*