



Virginia Room Resource Guide

Located in Downtown Roanoke, the Virginia Room holds the public library's non-circulating historical and genealogical research resources. We are committed to collecting, preserving, interpreting and making available materials for the Roanoke Valley and the Commonwealth of Virginia and to a lesser degree, materials of states which are closely tied to Virginia and its people by birth, immigration, migration or by boundary divisions. We are dedicated to connecting people with the information they seek.



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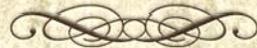
Hours of Operation*

Sunday & Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday & Thursday: 10am-8pm

Wednesday: 10am-6pm

Friday & Saturday: 10am-5pm



Services & Fees

Virginia Room staff is available to assist visitors with research or respond to specific research inquiries via email or phone.
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Virginia Room Research Library & Archive



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Collection Guide



Genealogical Research

Family Histories & Surname Files

Virginia Vital Records: Bureau of Vital Statistics Births (1853-1896), Deaths (1853-1896) and Marriages (1853-1940).

Thousands of county records for Virginia counties and surrounding states

Parish & Vestry Records

Manuscript Collections

Military Histories

Census Records

Roanoke City Directories: 1888-present

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Historical Research

State, County, Regional and Subject Histories

Periodicals: Swem's Virginia Historical Index & associated periodicals and Virginia related journals and newsletters

Vertical Files and Pamphlets: arranged by subject

Oral Histories

Historic Photographs: Visit our growing digital collection at: <http://bit.ly/varoomdigital>

Maps: Thousands of maps from City Engineering to regional US maps, both historic and modern

Newspapers on microfilm: Roanoke Times (1869-present), Virginia Gazette (1736-1780), Big Lick & Roanoke (various papers, 1869-1912), Roanoke Tribune (1999-present), Fincastle Herald of the Valley (1820-1823), Floyd Press (1944-1990), Lynchburg (various papers, 1809-1885), Vinton Messenger (1998-present), Salem Times Register (1866-1868, 1909, 1934-present, some gaps)

Genealogical/Historical Databases

Ancestry Library Edition - available at any branch of Roanoke Public Libraries.

Heritage Quest - available at any branch of Roanoke Public Libraries and remotely with a library card and internet access.

Newsbank - Index of Roanoke Times 1990-present, available remotely.



To search the Virginia Room Collection, visit our online catalog at rvl.info. Click 'Advanced Search' and narrow search to the Virginia Room by selecting 'Search all Virginia Room items' located on the right side of the page under 'Catalog Searches'.



"There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children - one is roots, and the other, wings." --Hodding S. Carter