

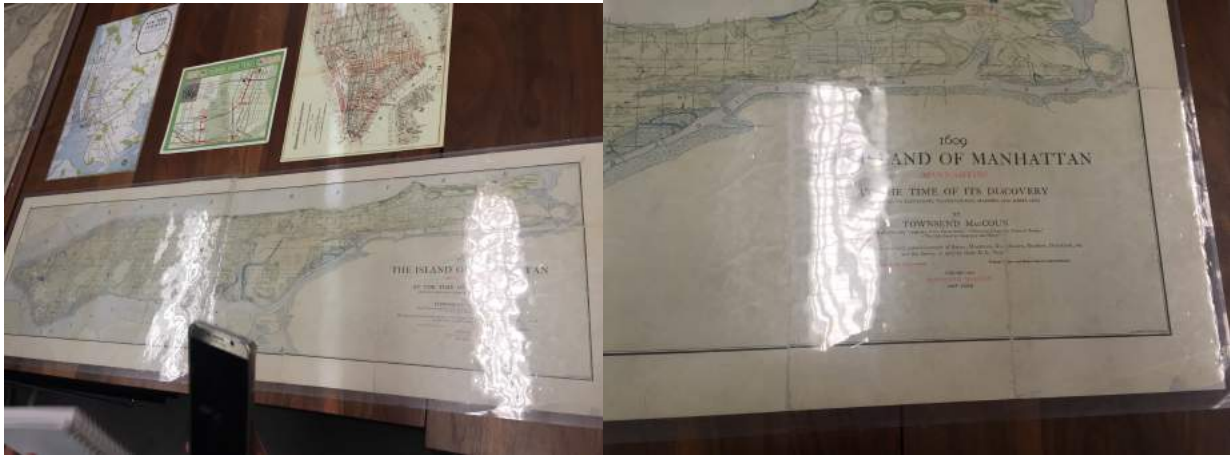
NYPL Map Collection Library Archive Response



New York

public library, which is located in 5th Ave and 42nd street, is a library, which collects maps from all over the world. We visited the library to see some maps from their huge collection to find out about what was the purpose behind the maps.

In this archive response I have chosen two maps, which was attractive to me during my visit to NYPL the first one is, map of “ The Island of Manhattan City” And the second was “Topographical map of New York City, County and vicinity”.



This map is “The Island of Manhattan City” which is showing the Manhattan city in 1609 when the island was discovered. The map showing the water courses elevations, marshes, and shoreline along with Hudson River. The map is pretty long and showing all the details about island. The time when the map was made there were no buildings so in the map we can only see land and water. And if you now the city of Manhattan it looks totally different with all the building and urbanization of the island. And it also shows the earlier colonial surveys.

Issued date; 1909

Publisher: Townsend MacCoun

Place of publication: New York

Author: MacCoun, Townsend

Assumption: The map shows the island when it was discovered. For developing any land architect has to know what the land look like so they can build it up by geographic Of the land.

Content: Orientation differs. Relief shown by shading on some maps. Shows the historical and physical setting of New York City (Manhattan Island) in the early stages of its discovery and settlement. The 1609 and 1783 maps of Manhattan also show alignments of the future major street

Intended audience: I think, the intended audience was the city development department and the people who want to own and build the island.

Citation: Lionel Pincus and Princess Firyal Map Division, The New York Public Library. (1909). *1609. The island of Manhattan (Mannahtin) at the time of its discovery showing its elevations, water-courses, marshes, and shore line*. Retrieved from <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/97ee6342-cec2-2699-e040-e00a18067566>



This map is “ Topographical map of New York City, County and vicinity ” this map Covers the area south of 155th Street in Manhattan, New York (N.Y.) also covers parts of Brooklyn, Williamsburg, Green point, Jersey City, and Hoboken. It is showing old farm lines with the owner’s names on it. And also some building along with railroads, ferries streets of the city streams and wetlands. This map grab my attention because this map looks fancy then the other maps, it looked like old painting.

Date Issued: 1854

Place: New York

Publisher: M. Dripps

Surveyor: Magrane, T., Harrison, John F.

Content: New York-County north of 155 Street -- Nieuw Amsterdam opt Eylant manhattans, 1656, -- New Yorke, 1695. Oriented with north to the upper right. Relief shown by hachures. Depths shown by contours and soundings.

Intended audience: the intended audience for this map could be people who were in government of that time and the need to see how much land is covered by farms, railroads and streams so they can occupied more land by building the city.

Citation: Lionel Pincus and Princess Firyal Map Division, The New York Public Library. (1854).

Topographical map of New York City, County and vicinity : showing old farm lines &c.

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Research questions:

1. Maps that are long how much time they take to be completed?
2. Some maps are really detailed and some are not how a creator of the map knows what to include in the maps?