

Learning Places Summer 2017

Library / Archive REPORT

Interference Archive and Brooklyn Public Library

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INTRODUCTION

Finding files for research can be tedious at times. In this project we learned how to navigate archive resources and identify document tags so we can find them at a later date. Many of the materials we found were donated by individuals protesting for their rights. We also learn that a library is much different from an archive and that some material may only be accessible by appointment.

SITE DOCUMENTATION



This is the Brooklyn Public Library located in Grand Army Plaza. This is home to most of the map archives about brooklyn.



These images are of the interior layout space of the archives of the Brooklyn Public Library. The top two images are located on the second floor, this is where the public would access the archives. The third image is called the morgue and houses other archives in the basement of the library.

SITE DOCUMENTATION - Brooklyn Public Library



This image shows housing mixed with commercial and industry along the Gowanus Basin. The changing of Zoning laws has allowed this concept to continue but on a larger scale for residential housing.



This image illustrates how commerce and industry merged with the water at Erie Basin in April 1905. The Gowanus Canal can still play a huge part in transporting goods and services.

GENERAL NOTES:

- I learn the process of how to access archival information.
- I learned about the type of information stored at an archive. I also learn that all archive has an agenda and that most archives are privately run.
- I learn about the morgue and what information it stores.

KEYWORDS/VOCABULARY & DEFINITIONS

DEPOSITORY: A legal system that requires certain records to be stored by law (Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Institutional Documents, Personal Papers, Manuscript etc).

EPHEMERA: Something that is created for a little while (flyer, etc.)

DIGITAL INFORMATION: Information that is originally digital.

DIGITIZED INFORMATION: Physical information that is turned to digital.

CALL SLIP: A form for requesting a library book by title and call number.

MICROFILM: Film containing microphotographs of a newspaper, catalogue, or other document stored on a roll.

MICROFICHE: A flat piece of film containing microphotographs of the pages of a newspaper, catalogue,

or other document.

ARCHIVES: Preserve information, to make it accessible to the future.

OPENSTACK: Patrons have direct access to stacks for browsing and selecting books.

QUESTIONS for Further RESEARCH

1. What are the impacts of Urban Renewal on Educational facilities such as the Interference Archival?
2. How has the digitized information affected attendance to the archive?
3. What are the relationship between the maps found in the at the archive and modern digital maps such as Oasis Maps?

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Commerce, Industry and Water

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