

Learning Places Summer 2017

Library / Archive REPORT

Site Report 2

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INTRODUCTION

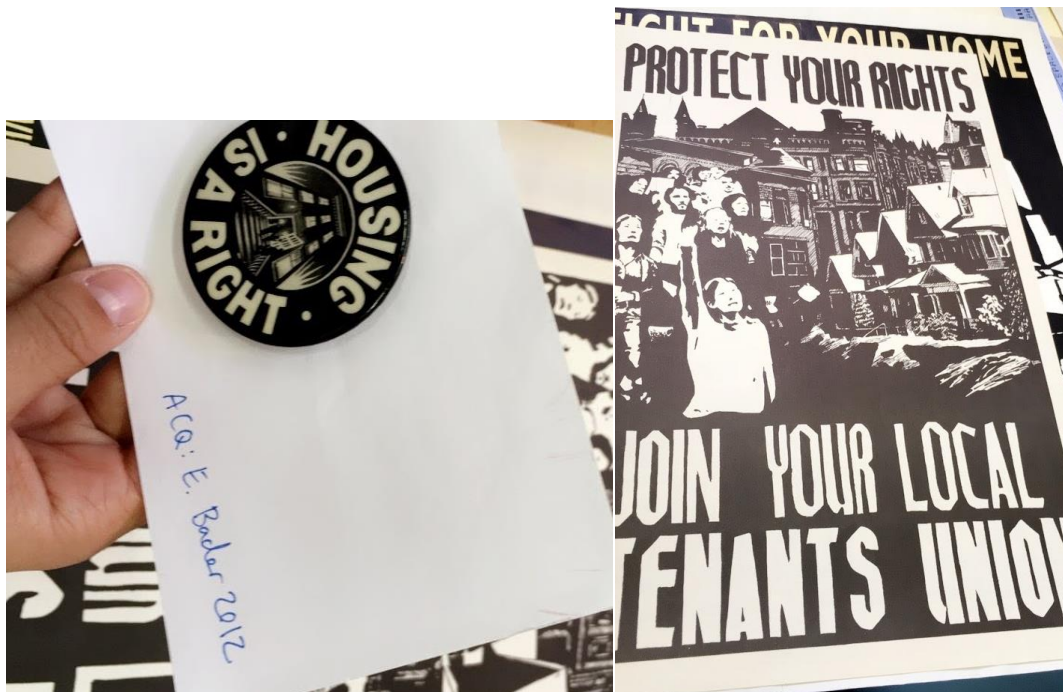
We visited the Interference Archive which is a non benefit organization and the Brooklyn Public Library Archive. The Interference Archive was established in 2011, by activists, craftsman and individuals inspired by social developments. The library was established in 1896, is additionally the fifth biggest library in the country. The class initially went to the Brooklyn Gathering Archive where we investigated old and delicate receipts with letterheads of the sort of business and the address where they were found. At that point the class went into another room where we got the opportunity to see old maps and pictures of Brooklyn, New York. We then did some activities and also visited this place in the library that they called the morgue which is where they store very old documents.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos*)

*At least 1 photo of library/archive space



The reason I took this photograph was because it was the first thing that caught my attention as soon as I walked in the room. The room was located in the Interference Archive where file boxes were stocked on shelves. The message on this poster was very moving. The interference archive explores the relationship between social movements and cultural production.




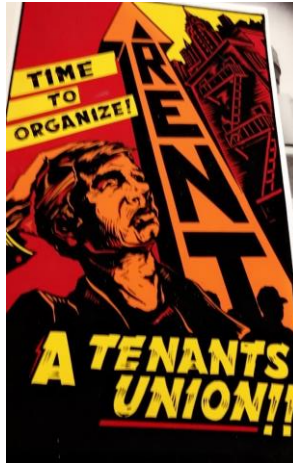
The archive hold a collection of thousands of publications, posters, fliers, zines, banners, and buttons such as this photograph right here.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (Sources*)

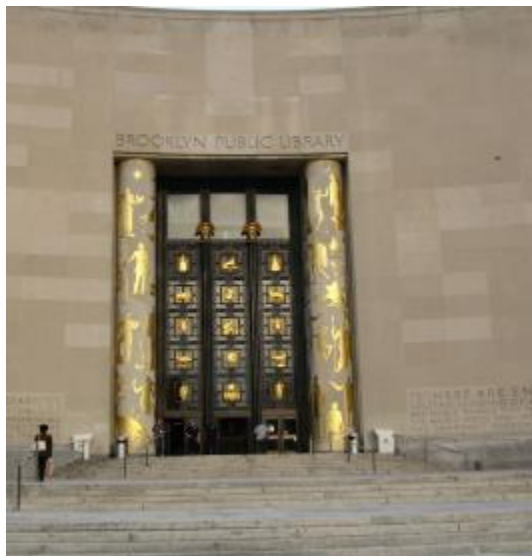
*2 citations of sources found and a brief analysis of each source (Photos Optional)



CITATION for ARCHIVAL SOURCE #1



Both fliers talk about expensive rent and housing. I found these fliers in a folder called housing in the interference archive. The flyer clarifies how it is getting harder for the people living in New York to keep living in the city because the rent is unreasonably expensive and the spots that are reasonable are always getting rezoned driving individuals to move from the city.



CITATION for ARCHIVAL SOURCE #2

This is the front of the Brooklyn Public library. Here we examined atlases, maps, and even went down to the morgue where they store very old documents no one really uses. In one activity we had to wear white gloves to hold these artifacts as we couldn't get our finger prints on them or damage them in anyway. They were also protected by plastic. Inside the library on the sub-cellar floor where we saw a bunch of drawers and within each of these drawers is clipping, or, news article and different things that are just accessible upon request.

GENERAL NOTES:

- Archives accumulate first hand and secondary source documents that have been gathered during a certain timeframe or specific association's lifetime.
- Archive exists to preserve information and make it accessible.
- The recreation center space found specifically behind the Brooklyn Library/Archive was initially a water reserve.
- Fundraiser/charity events are set up by the Interference Archive's staff monthly to increase revenue.

KEYWORDS/VOCABULARY & DEFINITIONS

*5 keywords minimum required per site visit

OPENSTACK: A stack of books that are readily available for use

ARCHIVE: A collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people.

EPHEMERA: Things that exist or are being used for a restricted timeframe.

LETTERHEAD: A printed heading on a sheet of letter paper containing the name, address and so forth, of an association or person.

MORGUE: A collection of reference works and files of reference material in a newspaper or news periodical office.

QUESTIONS for Further RESEARCH

1. In what manner will Urban Renewal influence the Interference Archive?
2. How long should they have to keep a document or artifact in an archive before it is digitized, and if digitize do they dispose of the actual artifact/document?
3. How dangerous can being part of an archive be?