

Vancouver Heritage FOUNDATION
**OLD SCHOOL
COURSES**

How to Research the History of a Building (at the Vancouver Public Library)

- Times:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm, various Fall and Spring dates
- Location:** Vancouver Public Library Special Collections Department
(350 W. Georgia Street – 7th floor)
- Instructors:** Andrew Martin and Fine Arts & History departments staff

Course Outline - Vancouver Public Library

Learning Objectives

The objectives of the course at the Vancouver Public Library are to:

- become familiar with the local history research tools in the Vancouver Public Library
- encourage course participants to undertake their own research in the Vancouver Public Library

6:30– 6:35 pm Welcome and Introductions

6:35– 7:10 pm Key Sources of Information in the Vancouver Public Library

- **Special Collections Department**
Northwest History Collection
Historical Photographs
Rare Book Collection
Marion Thompson Collection of early children's books
Youth Canadiana
- **How the VPL Special Collections differs from the City of Vancouver Archives**
- **Vancouver Public Library Webpage (www.vpl.ca)**
Find books, DVD's & More...
Thick Footer
- **Vancouver Public Library Catalogue**
Author, title, subject, key word searches
- **Electronic Resources**
Canadian Newsstand
- **Vancouver Building Register (online)**
Building name search
Keyword searches



- **Historical Photographs Database:**

7:10 – 7:30 pm An illustrated Case Study: 700 Jackson Avenue

- The evolution of the house and its neighbourhood using maps, photographs, information from city directories, etc.

7:30 – 7:40 pm Break—Questions and Discussion

7:40 – 8:10 pm Local History Resources in the Vancouver Public Library

- **Northwest History Index**
 - Subject headings
 - Ships Index
 - Directories index
- **Historical Photographs Index**
 - Subject Headings
 - Display print binders
- **British Columbia Provincial Newspaper Index (microfilm)**
 - 1900-1911; 1915-1990
- **British Columbia Archives and Records Service Index (microfiche)**
 - 1850-1900; 1940-1984
- **City Directories (paper and microfilm)**
 - Name index
 - Address index

8:10-8:30 pm History and Fine Arts Department:

- British Columbia Vital Events Index
- Architecture Collection

8:30 - 9:00 pm Individual Research Time

- Bring your own building to search or join the course in conducting research on the Mission to Seafarers Building

City of Vancouver, Historic Building Research Guide

City of Vancouver, Community Services, Planning download from the Current Planning Website: <http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/commsvcs/planning/heritage/researchguide.htm>

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