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Library

Thanks to the generous support of the New York Life Foundation, your eighth grade class has been granted special access to Brooklyn Public Library's Brooklyn Collection, an archive of more than a million original photographs, newspapers, manuscripts and maps (some more than 200 years old!).

Over the course of the school year, you'll visit the collection and attend workshops at your school. Then you'll pick a topic for your Exit Project and put your new research skills to work.

So if you want to find out where the Bridegrooms played baseball, or who opened the first pizza shop in your neighborhood, or anything else about Brooklyn's rich history, the answers are right here!

The Brooklyn Collection

Central Library
10 Grand Army Plaza
718.230.2762

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	1 – 7:30 PM
Wednesday	1 – 5:30 PM
Thursday	1 – 7:30 PM
Friday	10 AM – 5 PM
Saturday	1 – 5:30 PM
Sunday	Closed

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Where in the world is Breuckelen?

Right here! When the Dutch settled this area in the mid-17th century, they called it Breukelen; the British later Anglicized the name to Brooklyn.

Who led a parade of 21 elephants across the Brooklyn Bridge?

P.T. Barnum marched his circus elephants across the Brooklyn Bridge in 1884 to prove it wouldn't collapse.

When was it illegal to wear pants in public?

A 19th century law prohibited Brooklynites from wearing clothes of the opposite gender in public.

How did locks of hair help win the Civil War?

At the Sanitary Fair of 1864, women sold locks of hair to raise money for food and supplies for the Union Army.

Who lived on your block 100 years ago?

We don't know where you live, but Brooklyn city directories date back 150 years, so look it up in the Brooklyn Collection!



BROOKLYN SANITARY FAIR, 1864
VIEW OF THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC AS SEEN FROM THE STAGE.