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Municipal Library and Archives Public Reading Rooms Closed



The Surrogate's Court, 31 Chambers Street, 1939. Credit: NYC Municipal Archives.

NEW YORK, March 17, 2020 — The New York City Municipal Library and Archives public reading rooms at 31 Chambers Street, Manhattan, are closed until further notice. As a precaution to help limit the spread of the coronavirus and ensure the health and safety of our patrons and staff, we are temporarily closing our public reading rooms.

The Municipal Archives will continue to process vital record and photograph copy requests submitted by mail and online. Persons who urgently require certification, with raised seal, of a vital record or property card, should email the request to familyhistory@records.nyc.gov.

General research inquiries regarding the Municipal Archives and Municipal Library collections will also be accepted and every effort will be made to fulfill requests and/or provide further guidance: research@records.nyc.gov

Please check our website and social media for updates. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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