

Local History & Genealogy News

Keisha Gibbs Named African American Special Collection Supervisor

Keisha Gibbs has been named Columbus Metropolitan Library's first African American Special Collection Supervisor.

Keisha's outreach in the community has been instrumental in the creation and expansion of our [African American Digital Collection](#) and the African Treasure Chest exhibit located at the Martin Luther King Branch, where she formerly served as manager.

In her new role, Keisha will work to expand our African American special collections, as well as engage, inform and educate the community about the collection through virtual programs and exhibits.



King Arts Complex Digital Images Available

We have more than 2,000 digital images from the King Arts Complex already available in our *My History* collection, and we're working to digitize even more thanks to grant funding from the State Library of Ohio. Click [here](#) to browse the collection, which you can learn more about during our upcoming virtual program on Feb. 4 (see details below).

Visit [My History](#) to see our full digital collection.



New Donate button for Local History & Genealogy

It is now even easier than ever to donate to the Local History & Genealogy division. Go to the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation page and click on My Library- Local History & Genealogy under designation. If you have enjoyed the service of our Local History & Genealogy librarians, please consider a donation.

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Check Out This 31-Year-Old Aerial Photo of Main Library

LHG Special Collections Supervisor Aaron O'Donovan came across this great image of the Discovery District taken from a helicopter in 1990 during the renovation of Main Library. If you look closely you can see that the windows of the Carnegie Building are boarded up and the landscaping surrounding the library is all dirt. Our scanning team is working to complete the metadata for [this record](#) this month.



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