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QUEENS MEMORY

NEWS FROM QUEENS MEMORY PROJECT

Website Temporarily Down

Due to server outages at Queens College, which hosts the Queens Memory website, our website is not currently available. We have set up a temporary site at <http://linktr.ee/queensmemory> to share upcoming programs and resources. Please get in touch with our team at queensmemory@queenslibrary.org if you need any assistance. We do apologize for the inconvenience!

Reflecting on Five Years of Resilience

March marks the fifth anniversary of New York City's pandemic lockdown in 2020. We are commemorating this moment with two public programs. On **Saturday, March 1**, we are hosting a [listening event](#) at the Elmhurst Library, where we will share excerpts from "[The Borough We Became: Queens Residents on Life During COVID-19](#)," the second season of our podcast. We invite the public to share and respond to others' reflections.

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ELMHURST



REFLECTING ON FIVE YEARS OF RESILIENCE IN QUEENS: A LISTENING EVENT with the Queens Memory Project

Join the Queens Memory Project for a listening event to mark the fifth anniversary of New York City's pandemic lockdown of 2020. We will share excerpts from *The Borough We Became: Queens Residents on Life During COVID-19*, our podcast series featuring stories from our Queens neighbors during the early months of the pandemic, and will welcome the public to share their reflections and respond to others' memories. To listen to the ten-part series and additional bonus episodes, visit queenslib.org/3W2c

ADMISSION IS FREE

Saturday, March 1
2pm
ELMHURST
86-07 Broadway
(718) 271-8820
• Off • 116 Grand Avenue/
Newtown
Q35, Q38, Q38, Q38, Q38, Q38

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Then on **Wednesday, March 19**, we are partnering with the Queens World Film Festival in "[Looking Back to Look Forward](#)," a special evening of remembrance and reflection at The Local in Long Island City. The evening will highlight excerpts from our podcast in addition to short films and interview compilations from Queens World. It is free to attend with [RSVP](#). Free food and happy hour courtesy of MetroHealth and The Local, respectively.

QUEENS WORLD

QUEENS MEMORY

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present...

HOW DID YOU STAY CONNECTED?

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF SHORT FILMS, PODCAST LISTENING AND STORY SHARING TO MARK THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PANDEMIC LOCKDOWNS.

Looking Back to Look FORWARD

Calling Queens Teens Interested in Podcast Production

We are recruiting Queens teens to produce an episode for our new season of the podcast focused on climate change and extreme weather. Over the course of five workshops, teens will learn the basics of podcasting, like interviewing, writing, and editing. The workshops will take place at the Flushing Library, with the culminating event being an episode release party, where we play back excerpts from the episode. [Registration](#) is required and space is limited. All participants will receive a certificate and a gift card.

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FLUSHING

PODCASTING FOR TEENS with Queens Memory

Teens, have you ever dreamed of having your own podcast? Join Queens Public Library to learn the ins and outs of podcasting! In this series, you will work with a professional producer to create an episode of the Queens Memory podcast. You'll learn the basics of podcasting, like interviewing, storytelling and editing, and the series will culminate in a celebration to listen to the completed work at the Teen Center. All teens who participate will receive a certificate and a gift card. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, scan the QR code or visit: queenslib.org/4gq2kud





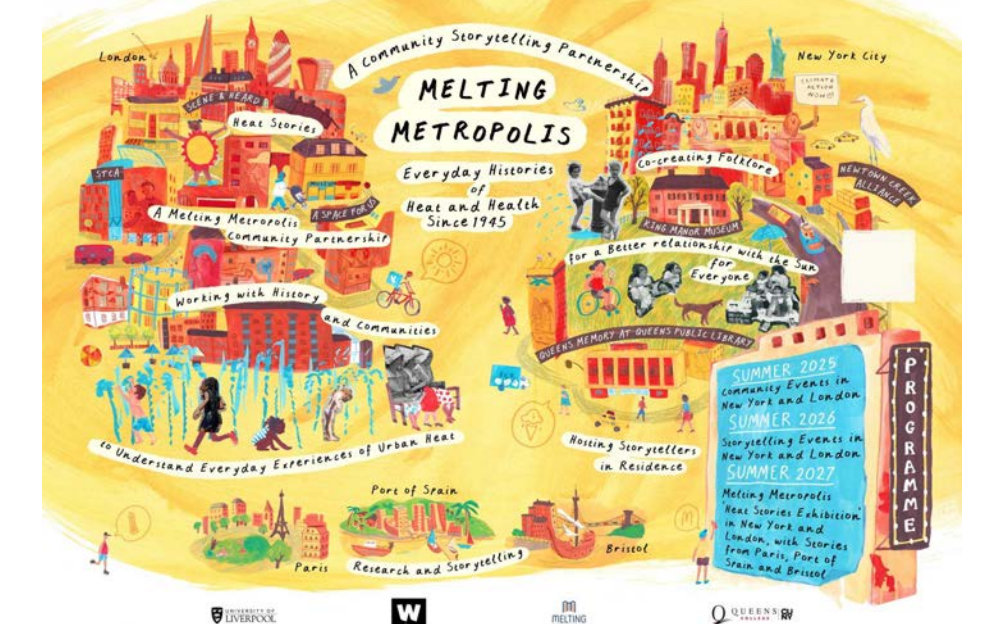
Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 23
4pm
FLUSHING (IRC Gallery)
41-17 Main Street • (718) 661-1200 • 7 to Flushing—Main Street
LRR: Port Washington line to Flushing—Main Street
Q2, Q25, Q27, Q28, Q29A, Q29B, Q25, Q26, Q27, Q34, Q44, Q58, Q45, Q46, Q58

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Seeking a Storyteller-in-Residence for Newtown Creek Alliance



We are partnering with Newtown Creek Alliance and Melting Metropolis on an exciting initiative exploring the everyday histories of health and heat in urban environments since 1945. A storyteller-in-residence will work with Newtown Creek to uncover, interpret, and share stories that connect past and present experiences of urban life, climate, and well-being.

This is a freelance, part-time position from May 2025 to October 2026. The deadline for applications is March 15. More details about the position and how to apply are [here](#).

February Oral History Spotlights Longtime Jamaica Resident and Cowboy



Raleigh "Curly" Hall (born 1943) is a longtime Jamaica resident and a member of the Federation of Black Cowboys, a non-profit organization that provides educational opportunities on horsemanship, particularly for youth, and promotes knowledge of the history and heritage of African American cowboys of the American West.

Hall speaks with interviewer Barbara DeYoung-Ezell about his family's migration to Queens, his memories of growing up in 40 Projects (also known as South Jamaica Houses), and his careers as a professional drummer and later a general contractor. Hall discusses his love of horses since childhood and his involvement in the Federation of Black Cowboys since circa 2000. Hall also explains the circumstances that led to the Federation of Black Cowboys no longer being able to operate Cedar Lane Stables (located in Howard Beach), which served as the organization's headquarters from 1994 to 2016.

Upcoming Events

March 1 – Our [Name Explorer](#) exhibit at [Culture Lab LIC](#) - "The People Behind the Names: Black History in Queens" - has been extended until the end of March. From outspoken ministers to pioneering musicians to female leaders in public service, this sampling of named places provides a glimpse into the histories of Elmhurst, Corona, Flushing, St. Albans, Jamaica, Hollis, and Kew Gardens Hills. (through March 31)

March 4 – Community Archiving Happy Hour returns first Tuesdays of the month at 4pm ET. This get-together is for people who work on behalf of their own communities, or in partnership as community allies. So, whether you're "community-based," "community-driven," or just "community-curious," we hope you'll show up to share who you are, what you're working on, and what you're trying to figure out right now. There's weirdly not a lot of community amongst people working in these spaces so we hope to start some conversations and mutual support. Register for link [here](#). (4 - 5 pm EST)

March 13 – At our [oral history interviewing workshop](#), you will learn how you can contribute to [Queens Memory](#) by helping with record interviews with fellow Queens residents. Together we will review tips for oral history interviews, from initial outreach to recording to transcription. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm DST)

March 20 – Join us online for [Learn More About the Queens Memory Project](#), an opportunity to hear about the work we do with volunteers and community partners across the borough. The Queens Memory team will provide an overview of our programs and cover the many ways you can help as a volunteer and contribute to the Queens Public Library's archival collections. Hear about opportunities to record interviews with Queens residents, contribute photos and other materials, assist with transcription and audio editing, and help with our outreach and programming. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm DST)

Queens Memory in the Professional Community

Queens Memory Interim Director, Meral Agish, will present a poster session about Queens Name Explorer at the [National Council on Public History's Annual Meeting](#) in Montreal in late March. She will also co-facilitate a pop-up workshop, "Oral History Speed Round," with former Queens Memory Director, Natalie Milbrodt.