

## Library Databases

<https://calvertlibrary.info/online-resources/?cat=History>

**African-American History Online**—people, events, timelines, topics and images of African-American history

**Ancestry Library Edition** (in-library use only) & **Gale OneFile US & World History** Provides access to scholarly journals and magazines useful to both novice historians as well as advanced academic researchers.

**Heritage Quest** primary sources, local and family histories, convenient research guides, interactive census maps, and more.

**Newspaper Archive**- millions of newspaper pages from around the world from 1753 to present

**Virtual Reference Library** Electronic reference books covering business, history, law, science and more.

## Looking for Books or Educational DVDs?



Search the library catalog to find a wealth of physical materials in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties:

[calvertlibrary.info](https://calvertlibrary.info)



**Not finding what you need on COSMOS?**

Try MARINA (Maryland Interlibrary Loan). Please plan ahead. This service takes 2-4 weeks.

<https://cosmos.somd.lib.md.us/library-materials/get-books-from-other-libraries/>

(click on "Go to Marina" on the right)

## Calvert County History Resources

### Calvert County Historical Society

<http://www.calverthistory.org/>  
(410) 535-2452 Tuesday-Thursday 10-3 pm

Calvert County History Digital Library <https://calvertlibrary.info/calvert-county-history-digital-library/>

**Maryland Collection** Books, manuscripts, and other print materials for local history projects at each Calvert Library location.

## Ask us!

## Librarians are here to help you!

### Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 8pm  
Friday: 12pm - 5pm  
Saturday: 9am - 5pm  
Sunday: Closed

### Prince Frederick

850 Costley Way  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678  
(410) 535-0291 (301) 855-1862

### Fairview Branch

8120 Southern Maryland Boulevard  
Owings, MD 20736  
(410) 257-2101

### Southern Branch

13920 HG Trueman Rd.  
Solomons, MD 20688  
(410) 326-5289

### Twin Beaches Branch

3819 Harbor Road  
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732  
(410) 257-2411

Always online at [calvertlibrary.info](https://calvertlibrary.info)



## HISTORY FAIR RESOURCES



**NHD**  
NATIONAL  
HISTORY DAY

## Steps of History Fair Research

**Read widely about a topic or time** in history. A good starting place is a textbook, encyclopedia, or reputable history website.



As you read, **write down questions** that interest you. Record your sources and how they relate to your research.



**Read more on your topic in both primary and secondary sources.** Take notes. Look for ways to **compare, contrast, or interpret.** Write down any sources you used and how used.



**Write a preliminary thesis statement** and integrate the history fair theme such as:  
*My History Fair project will examine/compare/contrast/discuss/or show...*



**Do more reading and take more notes as needed to provide support for your thesis.**



Using your notes, **make an outline** with topics and subtopics.



**Write your intro, body of paper, and conclusions** (research paper) **OR use your notes to create** a backboard/website/video.



**Edit/revise** based on teacher feedback until your final draft is ready to turn in!

## Types of Primary Sources

Original, first-hand account of an event or time period that is usually written or made during or close to the event or time period.

### Government documents

Court records  
Census records and other data  
Immigration records  
Written/recorded speeches  
Ship's logs

### Publications

Maps *from the place or time*  
Newspaper or magazine articles *from the place or time*

### Personal records

Diaries  
Memoirs and autobiographies  
Letters  
Photographs  
Oral history interviews

### Art/Popular Culture

Music and song lyrics  
Paintings, drawings, and other art  
Photography  
Architecture  
Posters, banners, and signs

## Types of Secondary Sources

Second-hand account of an historical event or time period that analyzes and interprets primary sources.

Newspaper or magazine articles that interpret  
Biographies  
Textbooks  
Encyclopedias  
Criticisms and commentaries

Check out our

## History Fair Resources Page

<https://calvertlibrary.info/kids-teens/teens/history-fair/>

Sites like these, from our History Fair Resources page, will link you to more helpful websites:

1. [Maryland History Day](#) Tips on getting started, theme, sample topics, research, etc.
2. [National History Day](#) Recommended website resources.
3. [Library of Congress](#) Primary source documents, images, catalog holdings, etc.
4. [Maryland State Archives](#) Primary sources for MD history.
5. [National Archives Docs Teach](#) Primary source documents for U.S. history.
6. [Best History Sites.net](#) Award winning site created by teachers. Links to history websites by era.
7. [Digital Public Library](#)
8. [Digital Maryland](#) Primary sources for MD history.
9. [Digital History](#) Digital resources for U.S. history from the University of Houston.
10. [U.S. History Websites](#) Recommended by the Enoch Pratt Free Library.