

Virginia Research Facilities—Shenandoah Valley—Harrisonburg



MRL Main Library

Massanutten Regional Library

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Library and Special Collections

The Main Branch of Massanutten Regional Library (MRL) in Harrisonburg contains a Local History and Genealogy room. MRL collects items pertaining to Rockingham County (surrounding county), Harrisonburg and the Shenandoah Valley in general. The collection contains family histories, city directories, phone books, Rockingham county cemetery transcriptions, histories by local authors about our area, published passenger and immigration Lists, and some church records.

Be Prepared

No food or drink is allowed in the Local History and Genealogy Room. Lidded drinks are allowed in the main part of the library.

Photocopies are 25¢ per page. The copier is black and white only.

Two microfilm readers: one connected to the printer. Both have USB ports. Printouts are 25¢ per page.

We sell flash drives for \$6.50 each.

We have Wi-Fi so researchers are welcome to bring their laptops or other devices. Digital photography of items in the collection is allowed, unless otherwise noted on item. Please check with the librarian. None of our collection is currently available online. You can search indexes of our genealogy room, local history pamphlet files, and our small local photograph collection at <http://www.mrlib.org/Reference/GenealogyandLocalHistory.aspx>.

Holdings

The Local History and Genealogy Collection at the Main Branch is a repository for books, manuscripts, oral histories, files, ephemera, and maps pertaining to the history of Rockingham County, the City of Harrisonburg, and the families.

There are microfilm copies of the *Rockingham Register* from the 1860s (not a complete run), a complete run of the *Harrisonburg Daily News-Record* from 1913 to present, as well as the *Page News and Courier* from 1998 to the previous year.

The collection contains family histories, city directories, phone books, local area yearbooks, and Rockingham county cemetery transcriptions. Books and audio recordings of local veterans are part of the Veterans History Project. We also have special MRL-produced books on local farms and caverns.

Collections

MRL owns a small historic photograph collection and local history files that can be viewed upon request in the library. Ask a librarian regarding reproducing photographs. A collection of stories about men and women in service during World War II were taken from the *Daily News-Record*.

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