

## Other Resources for Genealogy & Local History

Aurora Historical Society  
20 E. Downer Pl.  
Aurora, IL 60506

The Aurora Historical Society gives the past a future by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and presenting the rich, diverse history of Aurora and the surrounding area.

Kane County Genealogical Society  
113 S. Third St.  
Geneva, IL 60134

KCGS is a non-profit, volunteer organization working to gather and preserve regional historical records and serve as an educational resource for those interested in genealogy.

Fox Valley Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 5435  
Naperville, IL 60567

FVGS collects and preserves genealogical and historical data and educates others in genealogical research methods.

**Questions? Contact us!**

[genealogyhelp@aurorapubliclibrary.org](mailto:genealogyhelp@aurorapubliclibrary.org)  
or (630) 264-4122

## DIGITAL RESOURCES

### APL Indexes

Check out the APL website for helpful resources, including these indexes:

- Aurora Address Conversion
- Aurora Genealogy
- Aurora Master Plots
- Beacon News Obituaries
- G.A.R. Post #20 Deaths
- Kane County Marriage Licenses
- Now and Then
- St. Nicholas Marriages
- War Veterans and Burials

### Ancestry

Search billions of genealogy documents – including census, military, immigration, birth, and death records. This is available for in-library use only.

### Chicago Tribune - Historical

This collection includes digital reproductions of articles between 1849 and 1987, providing access to every page from every available issue. Freely accessible with your Aurora Public Library card.



Aurora Public Library, c. 1904

## *Aurora* GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY

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# Local History



Aurora, Elgin, and Chicago Interurban car, c. 1910

## AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY EMMA & ROBERT WEGMAN LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

The Aurora Public Library collects, preserves, and makes accessible materials of enduring value related to the City of Aurora, Illinois. The Local History Collection at the Aurora Public Library supports research and education for the public whose work relies on primary source materials, including rare books, photographs, newspapers, media, digital files, and archival records.

All are welcome to use the Local History Room.  
Please see a member of staff to gain access.

## COLLECTIONS

### NEWSPAPERS

The Local History Room retains an extensive collection of local newspapers on microfilm, which includes *The Aurora Beacon News* from 1848 to the present, although some gaps exist.

### DIRECTORIES

Including both City of Aurora directories and Kane County directories, these materials date from 1858 to the present with some gaps. Beginning in 1895, the directories contain a section that allows users to look up information by address.

### YEARBOOKS

This collection includes yearbooks from various Aurora area colleges, high schools, and junior high schools. Our most complete collection is from East Aurora High School, 1913 - 2015.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In 2017, the Santori Library received a generous donation of materials from the Charles and Marie Wilkinson family, including over 1,800 photographs, more than 1,000 documents, and a variety of personal realia.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The Local History Room houses select collections of a variety of books of local interest, archival items, newspaper clippings, photographs, audio/video materials, a local author collection, atlases and plat books, and other microfilmed materials.