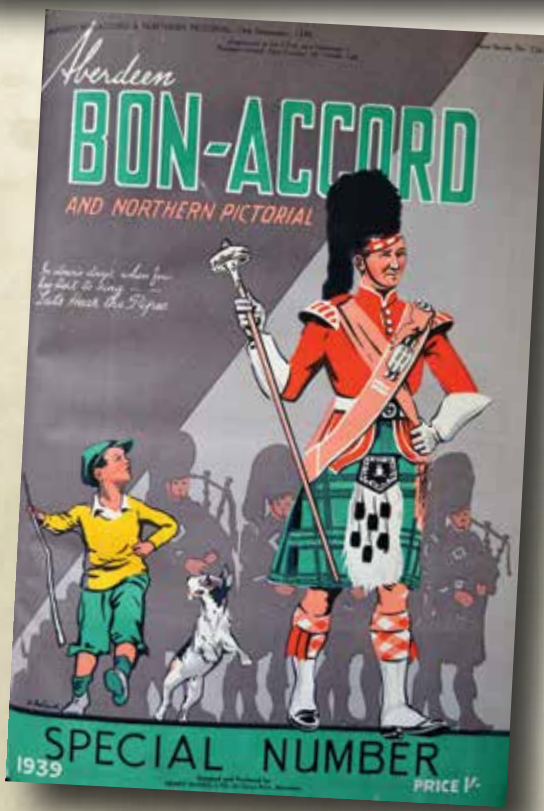


Old News: Gateway to New Knowledge

Newspapers are fantastic and invaluable resources to learn about past lives and events. In this workshop the Local Studies team will explore the best methods of exploring this wealth of information.



A number of newspaper-related resources will be demonstrated in the workshop with a focus on the British Newspaper Archive website - available to access for free from all City Libraries. From detailed obituaries to contemporary eye-witness accounts, join the Local Studies team to learn something new about the past!



All workshops last for approximately one hour however there will usually be additional time at the end of the session to put learning into practice with the help of our Local Studies Librarians.

Our workshops are free to attend but booking is required. Contact LibraryEvents@aberdeencity.gov.uk or phone **01224 652500** to book.

We regularly deliver these courses in libraries across Aberdeen but we are keen to take them into other community spaces. If you are interested in hosting a Local Studies workshop then please get in touch to discuss it with a member of our team.

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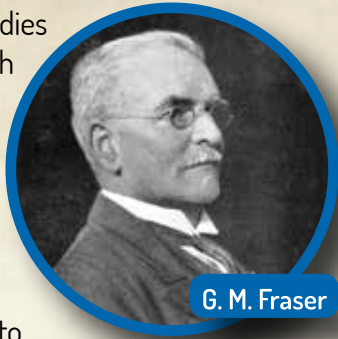
Learning with

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Local and Family
History

The Aberdeen Local Studies collection originated with G.M. Fraser, a journalist by profession who served as City Librarian from 1899 to 1938. Much like Fraser in his day, the current Local Studies team aim to provide a useful and interesting range of resources and are committed to helping library users get the most out of them.



G. M. Fraser

We offer a variety of free workshops that can be delivered by our Local Studies staff in libraries and other community venues across the city. Previous knowledge of research methods is not required and the courses are designed for people of all ages and abilities.

Our workshops aim to offer an informal and relaxed learning experience and can usually be tailored to more advanced needs if requested. Anyone who is not a member of the library can sign-up on the day.



An Introduction to Family History

Learn how to use library resources to trace your family tree.

This workshop aims to help you develop skills in using both digital and traditional resources to find out more about your ancestors and heritage.

Our Local Studies team will provide an overview of popular family history databases including Ancestry, Find My Past and Scotland's People and includes tips and techniques for getting the most out of other resources including newspapers, maps and photographs.



Ancestry and Find My Past for Beginners

Our Local Studies team will guide you through the process of using Ancestry and Find My Past to explore your heritage at this free workshop. Learn how to search millions of names and thousands of records and receive top tips on how to navigate the websites.



Previous knowledge of using computers is not required for this course.



Dig into the Past with Historic Maps

Discover hidden treasures in Aberdeen City Libraries' extensive map collection. This workshop will give you the opportunity to learn new skills and delve into your family history and memories using historic maps.



Aberdeen Central Library is home to a series of street plans dating from 1661 and an extensive range of Ordnance Survey sheets of the city and the surrounding area. Learn how to read the maps and plans to follow the changes that have taken place over time in the Granite City.

This workshop may be of particular interest to people researching local or family history and participants are not required to have any previous knowledge of reading maps.

