

You are invited...



Metro Archives presents...

**"Aviate, Navigate, Communicate: A History of Aviation
Advancement in Nashville"**

Exhibit Opening: Wednesday, March 29th, 3:00—4:30

Light Refreshments

Exhibit runs through May 31st in Archives' West Reading Room

Starting March 29th, Metro Archives presents an exhibit that briefly covers the history of aviation advancement as the city of Nashville experienced it. Though Tennessee was not the first to witness achieved flight, there were still many achievements and firsts to be had after the Wright Brothers' innovative flight near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. From delivering the first postage stamp via airmail to the first night flight, the state of Tennessee and the city of Nashville have contributed significantly to the advancement of aviation technology.

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Upcoming Events

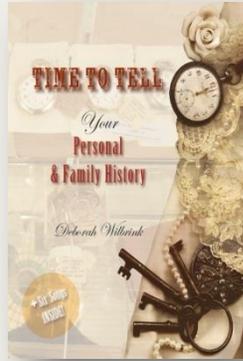
Thursday, April 6th: In honor of the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I, the Metro Archives will present the opening of our exhibit, *Lafayette, We Are Here: Tennesseans Go to War*. This exhibit will explore both Nashville's and Tennessee's part in "the war to end all wars," and will include a special displays from the traveling exhibit, *In the Footsteps of Sergeant York*.

The opening of the exhibit will take place in the 1st floor art gallery of the downtown Nashville Public Library at 12:30, and will begin with a few remarks at 1:11pm - the exact time at which the United States declared war on Germany. All are welcome.

Exhibit will run through the end of July.



Saturday, May 27th: *Time to Tell: Write Your Memoir or Family History - Motivation and Strategies.* Personal historian Deborah Wilbrink will give a workshop about how to get motivated and learn some easy ways to get your family stories from memory onto paper for posterity. You'll learn about the real benefits of a personal history project; and you'll get some new techniques and strategies to take your project into completion with more fun and less stress. This engaging, educational presentation will help you add value and readability to any family history. Bring a photograph or small heirloom object to share. The workshop will take place in the West Reading Room in the Metro Archives from 9:30-12:30.



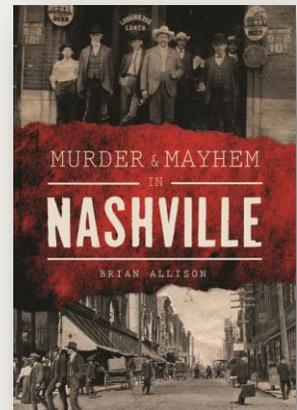
For additional questions regarding our upcoming events, please contact the Metro Archives at 615-862-5880.

Upcoming First Tuesdays

Our "First Tuesdays at the Metro Archives" are free events that are always on the first Tuesday of the month from 12:30-1:30pm in the Commons Room on the third floor, West Wing of the downtown Nashville Public Library. Our presentations feature a diverse group of speakers discussing various people, places, events, and traditions that highlight Nashville's rich history.

April 4th: Brian Allison will talk about his new book, *Murder and Mayhem in Nashville.*

May 2nd: Personal historian Deborah Wilbrink will give a reading and book signing for *Time to Tell: Your Personal & Family History.*



June 6th: Elizabeth Taylor will talk about her book, *Camp Forrest*, and discuss the camp's impact and legacy.

If you are interested in presenting for a First Tuesday, please contact Kelley Sirko at 615-862-5880 or by email at Kelley.Sirko@nashville.gov.

Interesting Finds

Titan Up

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the groundbreaking for the exciting place we now call Nissan Stadium. In May of 1997, construction began on the east bank of the Cumberland River to build what was initially called Adelphia Coliseum, and, amazingly, the Metro Archives has several photographs taken of the construction process.

Despite delays due to the tornado that hit downtown Nashville in April of 1998, the stadium was completed in just two years, and opened for the 1999-2000 season.

The photograph below is a rare one from our photograph collections: it was taken from the first game ever played on the field - a preseason game against the Atlanta Falcons on August 27th, 1999.



Electric Avenue



This photograph of a woman (c.1910) driving an electric car comes out of the Libbie Walsh Teachout Papers. These electric automobiles were special models that were mainly sold to women drivers and physicians who desired the dependable immediate start of a vehicle without a demanding hand cranking of the engine that was required of the early internal combustion engine autos.

As a division of the Nashville Public Library, the Metro Archives collects and preserves the historically valuable records of Nashville and Davidson County.

The Metro Archives is open Monday-Friday from 9:00-6:00, Saturday from 9:00-5:00, and Sunday from 2:00-5:00. Visit us or visit our website at www.nashvillearchives.org.

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