

Local History Resources Guide

Scarsdale Public Library

Local History Librarian

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Donations of local history materials are welcome. Please contact the local history librarian before dropping off.

Scarsdale Inquirer (Local Newspaper)

- [Digitized Issues \(1901-1977\) at news.hrvh.org](http://news.hrvh.org)
- Microfilm (1901-Previous year) located in the Business Center located off of the Tech Center
- Subject indexes to the Scarsdale Inquirer located in the Business Center
- Bound issues are not available to the public

Maps - Scarsdale & Westchester

- Maps located in the display cases in the Quiet Reading Room & Local History Center.
- Index of Maps - <https://www.scarsdalelibrary.org/media/document/2683>
- Maps at Westchester County Archives - <https://archives.westchestergov.com/maps-and-plans>
- David Rumsey Historical Map Collection - <https://www.davidrumsey.com>

Local History Photographs

- Digitized Photographs
 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scarsdalelibrary/>
 - <https://nyheritage.org/organizations/scarsdale-public-library>
- Physical Photographs

- Located in the Local History room in the basement. **Accessible by appointment only.**
- Photographs in our collection may be used for non-profit purposes. Permission is required for any other usage.

Books & Pamphlets about Scarsdale (General History)

- We have various items regarding community organizations (Woman's Club, Town Club, etc), government (Town Records)
- Village Annual Reports 1915 - 2006 (located in the Local History Center)
- *A Sort of Utopia* by Carol A. O'Connor (1983) (Copies in Local History Center and nonfiction 974.7277 SCS O) - *In this clear and well-written study, Professor Carol O'Connor explains how Scarsdale came to be the classic rich suburb. Using a wide range of sources—from local newspapers, to village and school board records, to real estate deeds and census tracts—she shows how its residents have invested time, effort, and their own tax dollars in making Scarsdale a wealthy, attractive, convenient community. She also discusses the question of who rules in Scarsdale and examines one group, its domestic servants, who, at least in the past, have played an important but invisible role. Professor O'Connor analyzes the reaction of residents to national events, from their unquestioning nationalism in the First World War to the deep divisiveness of the Vietnam era.*
- *Scarsdale: From Colonial Manor to Modern Community* by Harry Hansen (1954) (Copies in Local History Center and nonfiction 974.727 H) - *Harry Hansen describes the Scarsdale way of life and relates the well-organized community of today to its origins in the Indian wilderness on the Bronx River in the eighteenth century. He tells how young Caleb Heathcote, one-time mayor of New York, was granted the Manor of Scarsdale by the British Crown in 1701; how the area gradually changed from a place of grist mills and sheep farms to a town of suburban homes with fine roads and the first landscaped parkway in the country.*
- *Of Colonists and Commuters* by Diana L. Reische (1976) (Copies in Local History Center and juvenile nonfiction J 974.727 R) - *Local history of Scarsdale, NY. Numerous b/w photos and illustrations. Suitable reading for all ages: middle school to adult. From colonial times through the late 20th century. Linked by commuter train to New York City; one of NYC famous affluent suburbs.*
- *Scarsdale Story: A Heritage History* by Helen Hultz (1987) (Local History Center and [digitized](https://www.scarsdalelibrary.org/media/document/1411)) <https://www.scarsdalelibrary.org/media/document/1411>) - *Tracks the history of Scarsdale through a detailed examination of deeds, wills, mortgages, and other primary sources. Helen compiled the information in this book of over a thousand pages over many years as a side project while working as an elementary school teacher in Scarsdale.*

- *Scarsdale* by Allan M. Butler (1886) (Copy in Local History Center)
- *Scarsdale: A Residential Community* by Grace E. Doolittle (Copy in Local History Center)
- *Scarsdale: From Manor to Modern Village* (1958) (Copy in Local History Center)
- *Scarsdale Manor* by Mrs. Stephen L. Angell (Copy in Local History Center)
- *More About Scarsdale* by Richard M. Lederer (Copies in Local History Center and nonfiction (Q974.7277 L))

Yearbooks

Bandersnatch (Scarsdale High School)

- 1933 - Present available in the Local History Center
 - Missing 1934, 1936, 1938, 1973
- We have a collection at NY Heritage containing fully digitized copies of the 1933, 1935, and 1937 Bandersnatch yearbook.

<https://nyheritage.org/collections/scarsdale-high-school-yearbooks>

We do not have yearbooks for the middle school or any elementary schools

Scarsdale Directories and Phone Books

- Directories and phone books 1860 - 2014 (there are gaps) are in the Local History Center

Houses and Architecture

- Scarsdale Village Property Information - <https://townofscarsdale.prosgar.com/PROSSearch/SearchFilters>
- Books / Documents at the Library
 - Directories and Telephone Books located in the Local History Center (1860-61; 1913; 1915; 1926; 1931-2002)
 - Scarsdale's Heritage Homes (1963) - Copies in Local History Center
 - Construction by Collet (1931) - Copies in Local History Center
 - Monograph of Recent Examples of Residential Work by Hammond (1928) - Local History Center
 - Subject files - Historic Houses (located in the basement in the Local History Room) - **By appointment only.**
 - Historical Maps located in the Quiet Reading Room & Local History Center in the display cases

Subject Files

- Located downstairs in the Local History Room. Files are alphabetical by subject
- Index is located at the Reference Desk on shelf below the Value Line binders
- **Accessible by appointment only**

Newspapers.com

- This resource can be accessed with a NYPL card. New York residents ages 13 and older can get a digital library card through their [online card application](#) and gain access to an array of digital resources.