
Understanding Our Changing Communities



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Today's Program

2025 Theme:
Collections for the Future of New York

2025 Guiding Question:
What can we as practitioners in the field -
both paid and volunteer -
do to build and steward collections for the
communities of tomorrow?

Let's Check In

In the chat, please share your name, organization and location, and let us know what you are hoping to get from this session.

Lead with love
This is a journey
Drop the mic (Step up/step back)
Speak for yourself
Inclusion
Respect
Mutual positive regard
Direct communication
Come to the space teachable
Open your mind

Really listen
Stay engaged
Speak your truth
Experience discomfort
Expect + accept non-closure
Ask questions in chat or message directly
Be responsible for what you hear
Use "I" statements
Assume best intent
Love each other into education

Structure + Expectations

Today's Structure:

Through interactive large- and small-group conversation we will build community, share information, discussion, debrief, and make plans for the future.

We'll hear from practitioners in the field and learn from their expertise.

Ask questions and get comfortable with discomfort!

You can expect to feel curious, frustrated, heard, confused, and surprised!

Objective

Today we'll learn about different ways to collect and use existing data, hear from practitioners in the field, and plan for the future of our communities.

Anonymous Question Catcher

We created an anonymous question catcher for this program.

We invite you to add your questions to it for discussion later in this session.

(Link in chat!)

Agenda

- Introductions
 - Mini Webinar (recorded)
 - Small + Large Group Conversations
(not recorded)
 - Questions
 - Next Steps + Action Items
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Where in the state?



INTRODUCTIONS



Meral Agish
Queens Public Library



Courtney Tsalalis
Millbrook Library



Jen McCreery
Millbrook Library

Mini Webinar

Provides a common foundation for our conversation

Identify data repositories available to us that help us better understand
who is in our community

Make plans for the future with those stakeholders at the center of our plans

Recorded

Let's Talk About Data!

**Federal Financial Institutions
Examination Council**

Census

New York State Education Dept.

Let's Talk About Data!

The screenshot shows the FFEIC Geocoder web application. The browser address bar displays `geomap.ffiec.gov/ffiecgeomap/`. The page header includes navigation links: [FFIEC Main](#), [Disclaimer](#), [Privacy Policy](#), [Contact Us](#), [Search](#), [FFIEC Census Report](#), and [Help](#). The main interface features a search bar with the placeholder text "street address, city, state" and buttons for "Reset" and "Print". The year is set to "2024".

On the left side, there is a "Matched Address" section with a table:

| Matched Address | |
|-----------------|--|
| Address | |
| MSA/MD Code | |
| State Code | |
| County Code | |
| Tract Code | |
| MSA/MD Name | |
| State Name | |
| County Name | |

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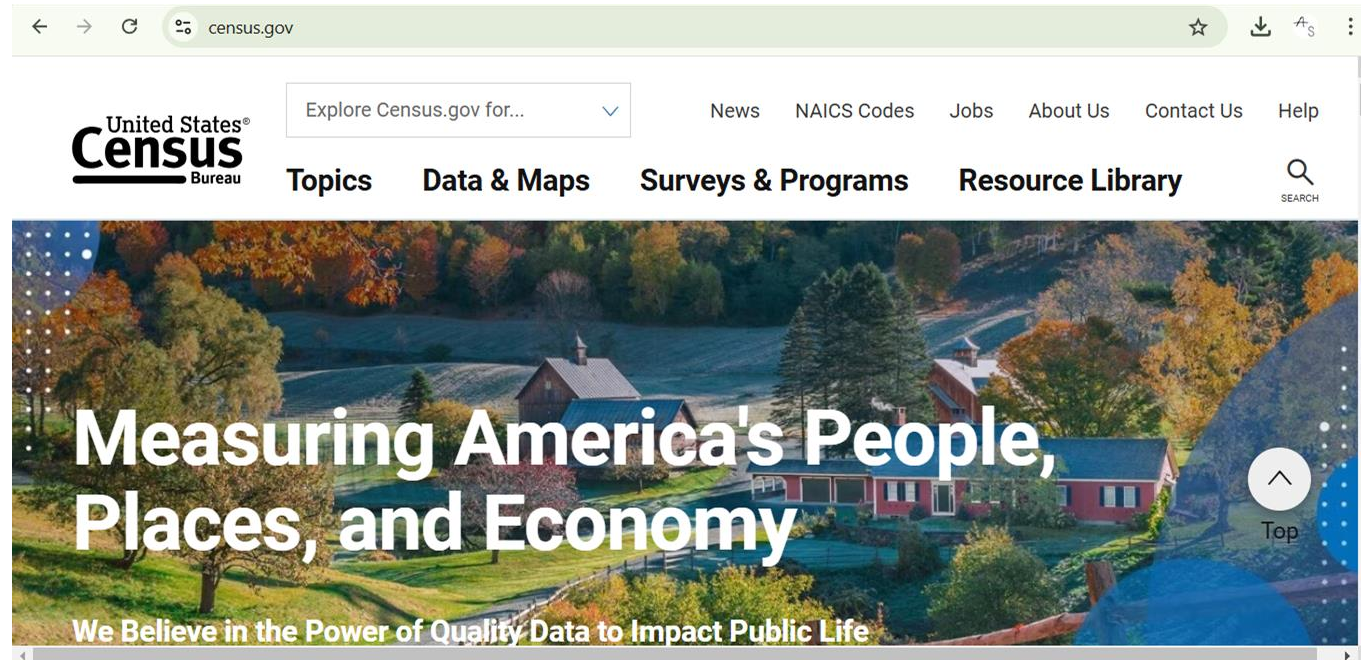
The FFEIC Geocoding/Mapping System (System) helps financial institutions meet their legal requirement to report information on mortgage, business, and farm loan applications. Geocoding refers to the Metropolitan Statistical Area/Metropolitan Division (MSA/MD), State, County, Census Tract combination (address information) that must be provided for each reported loan application and the System allows institutions to enter a street address to determine the corresponding geocode. The System also provides Census demographic information about a particular census tract, including income, population, and housing data.

At the bottom left, it says: "Please select the appropriate activity year for the".

The right side of the interface features a map of the United States with major cities labeled: Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Monterrey, Dallas, Houston, St. Louis, Chicago, Denver, Washington, Atlanta, Miami, Toronto, Ottawa, Boston, and New York. The map includes a scale bar for 0 to 600 miles and zoom controls.

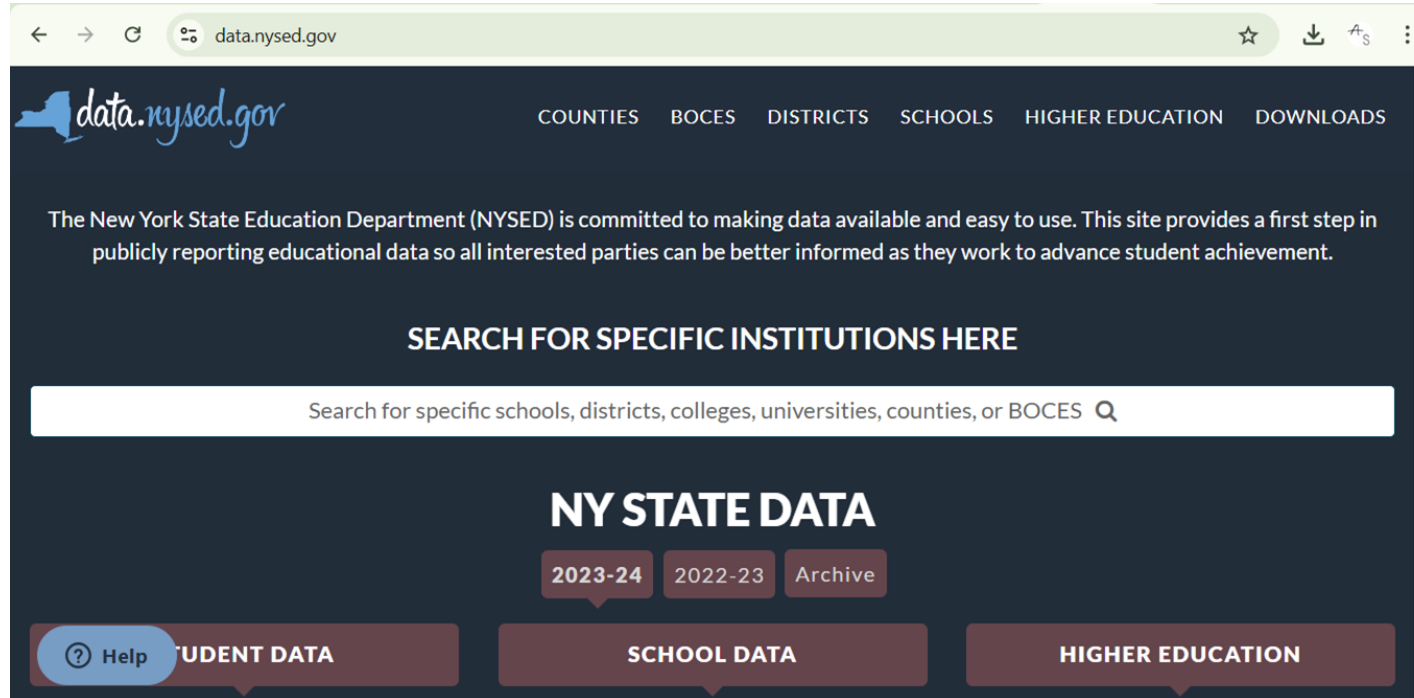
FFEIC Geocoder

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U.S. Census Bureau: American Communities Survey

Let's Talk About Data!



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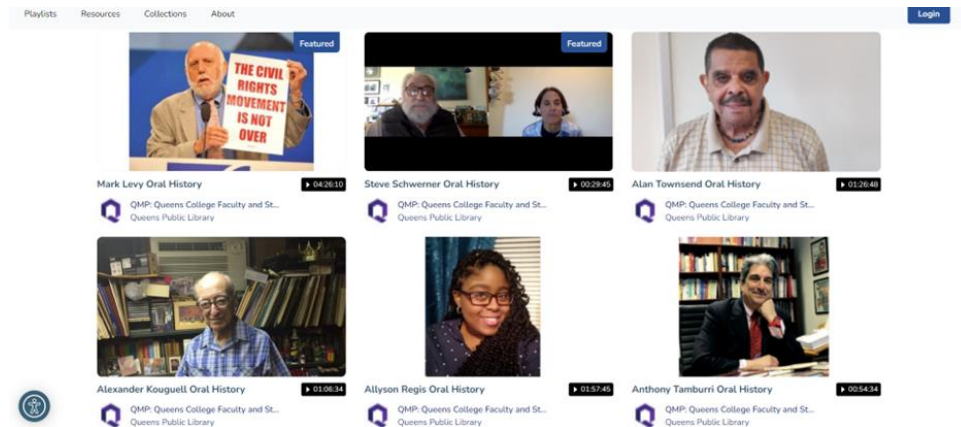
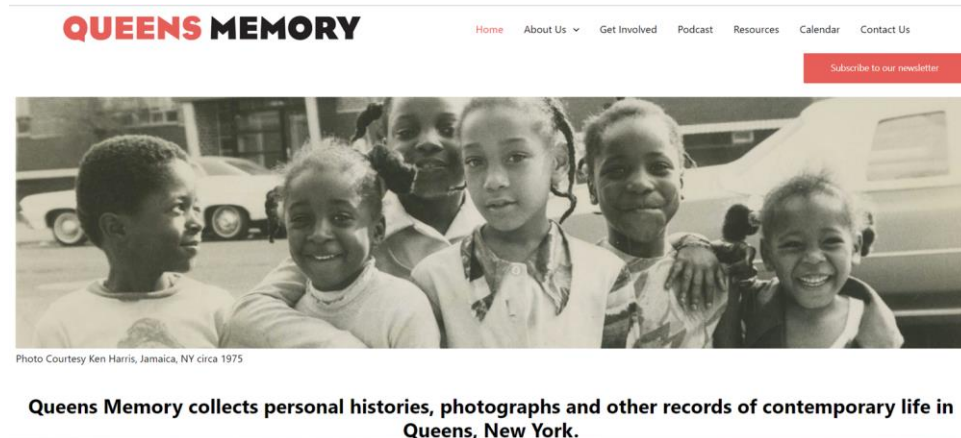
Socioeconomic

Region, County, Town

School District

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Queens Memory Project



Launched in 2010 and co-administered by Queens Public Library and Queens College, CUNY

1,100 oral history interviews

450+ live events with Queens residents from 23 countries of origin, living in 50 neighborhoods.

More at <http://queensmemory.org>

Queens Name Explorer

Launched in October 2022 in collaboration with Urban Archive

Mission

Use data to create a repository of biographical profiles and personal tributes to the people behind named places. Invite the public to share personal remembrances and photos.

More at www.queenslib.org/explore



Queens Name Explorer

The screenshot shows the 'Queens Name Explorer' web application. At the top left is the logo and title. Below it is a dark banner with a map background and text: 'This interactive map explores the individuals whose names grace public spaces across the borough of Queens.' Below the banner is a search bar and a filter dropdown. On the left side, there is a list of featured items with small images and titles: 'Spotlight On: LGBTQ+ activists and organizers i...', 'Queens Street Name Stories', 'Robert F. Kennedy Community High School', 'Poppenhuis Memorial', 'Steve Knobel Way', and 'Benjamin Wheeler Place'. The main area is a map of Queens, New York, densely populated with colorful icons representing different types of places. A legend in the bottom right corner of the map area shows icons for 'Community Districts' (purple house), 'Neighborhoods' (orange house), and 'City Council Districts' (white house). A 'Remove layer' button is also visible. The map includes a search bar, filter, and map controls like zoom in/out and a location pin.

Community Districts,
Neighborhoods, City
Council Districts

Filter by type of place
like schools, streets or
parks, search by name
or keyword

Curated collections to
highlight people, places
and themes

Queens Name Explorer

QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

QUEENS MEMORY presents
OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK
**ELMHURST
SCAVENGER HUNT**

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NAME
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While visiting five historic sites in Elmhurst, Queens, decipher clues along the way and complete the following questionnaire to claim this prize – an 11" x 17" Hand Lettered Map of Queens.

DATE
Saturday, October 21, 10am-5pm

LOCATION
Elmhurst Library
(START AND FINISH TO PICK UP PRIZE)

queenslib.org/OHNY

QUEENS



Left: October 2023 Scavenger Hunt
Right: October 2024 Listening Party (Photo by Yi-Ching Lin)

Millbrook Library Turning Outward 2021



Community Conversations

The Millbrook Library is convening a series of community conversations. Each 60 to 90-minute conversation will provide an opportunity to discuss what might make a difference in strengthening our community.

Tuesday, June 1, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Millbrook Library

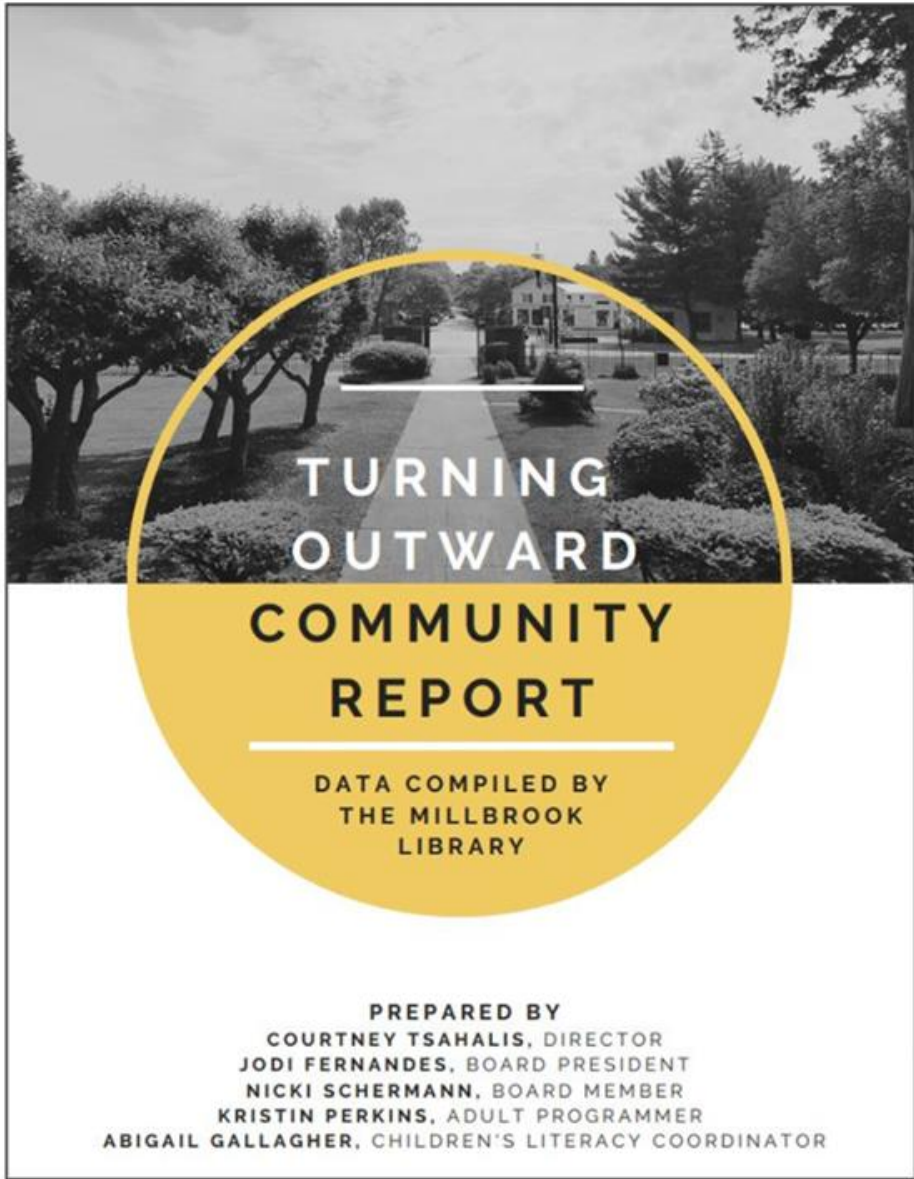
Thursday, June 3, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Online on Zoom

Tuesday, June 8, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Grace Church

Friday, June 11, 6:00 – 8:00 pm: Millbrook Library

Saturday, June 12, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm: The Fountains at Millbrook

Register to attend at millbrooklibrary.org



STRATEGIC THEME 5:

Well Curated Collections

The library will maintain a collection that provides the community with reliable, authenticated sources of information that are diverse and inclusive.

OBJECTIVES:

- **Continually evaluate print, audiovisual, and digital collections to determine the usefulness, timeliness, accuracy, and other criteria for keeping, adding to, or withdrawing from the collection.**
 - Director will maintain circulation statistics for recent purchases to make sure materials selections satisfy and reflect patron and community needs and interests.
 - Director will explore cooperative contracts with vendors for new products, such as e-resources.
 - Director and staff will consider patron requests for the collection.
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Bennett College Archives at the Millbrook Library



Founded in 1890, Bennett School for Girls found its home in Millbrook in 1907 at the site of a former luxury hotel. Renamed Bennett College after it discontinued high school grades, the school matriculated generations of students over its 90-year history, finally closing in 1978.

The Bennett College archive was donated to the library upon the school's closure.



Bennett College Collection

Millbrook Library



[Explore the Collection >>>](#)

Go

Scope of Collection

The Millbrook Library houses a collection of historical material and memorabilia relating to Bennett College. Bennett College was founded in 1890 by May Friend Bennett as an educational institution for women and was in operation until 1978. The collection includes yearbooks, scrapbooks, photo albums, memorabilia, and various administrative documents relating to college operations.

Small Group Conversation

Groups of 3-4

Prompts in chat and document linked in chat

Facilitator will make sure everyone gets a chance to share and that the conversation stays on topic

Notetaker will make notes about compelling idea or stories that come up through the conversation

Not Recorded

Small Group Conversation

What experiences do you or does your organization have in using data to gauge the needs and interests of your stakeholders?

What are some success stories of planning for your communities' present or future?

What are my/my organization's next steps in this work?

What kinds of supports would make this type of data informed planning more accessible to you and/or your organization?

Questions



Next Steps + Action Items

Post-session Evaluation (Link in chat)

Identify one of the data tools to use with your team and explore who is in your community. How might you evolve your programming to better meet their needs?

2025 Programming

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Next program: *Undertold Stories: Making the Invisible Visible*,
March 13, 2025 via Zoom, 2-4PM

Register at <https://dhpsny.org/dhpsny-dialogues>



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