SEYMOUR LIBRARY
SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL TOWER
VIA STATE ST - 5 MINS - 1.9 MILES

An 1894 monument built to honor Civil War veterans, this structure was recently stabilized following years of disrepair. The round tower originally stood 52 feet tall—though about a quarter of that height has been lost to erosion and damage over time. The monument is a Medina sandstone structure in the Late Gothic Revival style.

SULLY BRANCH LIBRARY
ROCHESTER PUBLIC MARKET
VIA WEBSTER AVE - 5 MINS - 1.3 MILES

For more than 120 years, the Rochester Public Market has been one of the city's most diverse and vibrant gathering places. Open year-round in the northeast quadrant, the Market connects shoppers and visitors with local farmers, food makers, and small businesses.

WINTON BRANCH LIBRARY
STONE-TOLAN HOUSE
VIA WINTON RD - 6 MINS - 1.6 MILES

The Stone-Tolan House Historic Site is the oldest building in the county, built in 1792. It is a vernacular Federal-style structure and served as a frontier tavern, public meeting place, and pioneer homestead. The house has never been moved. It's firmly rooted on the original site, so you can explore the over 200 year old rural tavern and farmhouse, as well as the site of the town of Brighton's first meeting.

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MCLS LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT
The Monroe County Library System holds a wealth of local history information including circulating and reference books, atlases, family histories, genealogies, periodicals, government imprints, and pamphlets.

CHECK IT OUT!

GENEALOGY RESOURCES
Your local library also has a wealth of indexes and databases for genealogy research, and some libraries even provide access to Ancestry.com! Just getting started? Check your library's calendar for a Genealogy 101 class or meetup!

MONROE COUNTY LIBRARIES PRESENT

A HISTORICAL DAY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

AMERICA 250

WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR SHARED STORY BY TRAVELING THE HISTORIC DESTINATIONS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. JOIN US!

TRADITION IN MOTION

CHARLOTTE BRANCH LIBRARY
CHARLOTTE-GENESEE LIGHTHOUSE
VIA LAKE AVE - 4 MINS - 1.5 MILES

This stone octagonal lighthouse was constructed in 1822 to guide boats on Lake Ontario to safety. It was turned off in 1881 after nearby piers changed the mouth of the river, and saved from destruction by Charlotte High School students in 1965. It is part of the Seaway Trail and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and resumed lighted activity in 2014.

GATES PUBLIC LIBRARY
HINCHEY HISTORICAL HOUSE & PARK
VIA NY-33E/BUFFALO RD - 9 MINS - 3.8 MILES

William S. Hinchey settled south of Gates Center circa 1810, and his son, Franklin built the family homestead in the 1870s. It stands today as the only structure in Gates listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the Gates Historical Society operates the homestead as a historic site and passive park, with original and period furnishings remaining in each room.

GREECE PUBLIC LIBRARY
LARKIN-BEATTIE-HOWE HOUSE
VIA VINCE TOFANY BLVD - 2 MINS - 0.3 MILES

This beautiful vernacular 19th-century farmhouse is home to the Greece Historical Society. Many of us have moved from one home to another, but this is a house that has moved twice. The house is significant because of its association with pioneer families in Greece, especially Gordon A. Howe, Greece Supervisor then County Manager. He lived in the house with his family from 1941 to 1965.

FAIRPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
FAIRPORT LIFT BRIDGE
VIA S MAIN ST - 2 MINS - 0.2 MILES

Constructed in 1914, The Lift Bridge on Main has allegedly appeared in Ripley's Believe It or Not because of its unusual construction. The bridge is an irregular decagon, a ten-sided structure, and crosses the canal at a 32-degree angle and 4-percent slope. No two angles of the bridge are the same, and no corners are square.

LYELL BRANCH LIBRARY
HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH
VIA LYELL AVE - 1 MINS - 0.3 MILES

In the year 1884, ground was broken to establish the Holy Apostles Parish, or Iglesia Santos Apóstoles. so named because it was the twelfth parish to be formed in the Catholic Diocese of Rochester. It was the first of its kind in the Diocese to operate as a church and a school, and now offers all services in both English and Spanish!

LIVING HISTORY

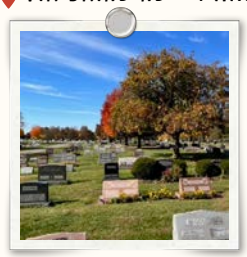
OGDEN FARMERS' LIBRARY
COLBY-PULVER HOUSE
VIA COLBY ST - 6 MINS - 3.2 MILES

Constructed in 1810 by Eastman Colby, whose family was second to settle in Ogden, this historic site is now the home of the Ogden Historical Society. Colby's glowing review of the area drew other notable first settler families to relocate, such as the Willeys and the Spencers.

PARMA PUBLIC LIBRARY
LITTLE WHITE MEETINGHOUSE
VIA NY-259 - 4 MINS - 2.3 MILES

Erected in 1844, this is the oldest surviving house of worship in Parma. It was built entirely by hand by the First Presbyterian Society of Parma using a post-and-beam style. The organization's 13 charter members included State Senator John E. Patterson, advisor to President Lincoln.

PENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
OAKWOOD CEMETERY
VIA BAIRD RD - 1 MINS - 0.2 MILES



This landmark is within easy walking distance from the library. It features the graves of soldiers from our country's wars, as well as the burial sites of two relatives of famous Presidents of the United States: Timothy Bush (grandfather of the George Bush presidents) and Abiathar Millard (grandfather of Millard Fillmore).

PHILLIS WHEATLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
SUSAN B. ANTHONY HOUSE & MUSEUM
VIA JEFFERSON AVE - 4 MINS - 1.0 MILES

This National Historic Landmark was the home of the legendary civil rights leader and the site of her famous arrest for voting in 1872. It was also the headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association when she was its president. Today they offer guided tours six days a week!

PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY
THE LITTLE HOUSE
VIA STATE - 1 MINS - 0.2 MILES

The Historic Pittsford headquarters are located in the Little House at 18 Monroe Avenue in the heart of Pittsford Village. The building has lived many lives since being constructed in 1819, including as a law office, doctor's office, town library, bakery, travel agency, and now the Historic Pittsford headquarters.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW