

Preparing for Research

Before getting started on your research, make sure you have collected the necessary information.

SPFL: So you can access important resources, you will need to have your SFPL information readily available. You can find it in an email from publicaffairs@sfpl.org dated August 20th, 2021, with the subject line "Welcome to San Francisco Public Library."

SFPL Barcode:

SFPL PIN:

Basic family information: Talk to your family and collect some facts. We suggest gathering this information about your grandparents, but you could also choose another ancestor. Try to gather this information about at least two of your ancestors, though more could be helpful.

Ancestor #1:

Full name

Approximate birth year

At least one place you are certain they lived at some point in their life

Ancestor #2:

Full name

Approximate birth year

At least one place you are certain they lived at some point in their life

Ancestor #3:

Full name

Approximate birth year

At least one place you are certain they lived at some point in their life

Ancestor #4:

Full name

Approximate birth year

At least one place you are certain they lived at some point in their life