MAP YOUR COMMUNITY SPACES

Maps represent geographical locations, but they can also be used to showcase important or hidden histories, the intersection of humans and the environment, resources for community support, personal stories, and so much more. Show us around your community by making a map!

Get Creative!

- Make a map that tells a story about you! What are your favorite places? What places represent special memories? What locations tell the story of your life in this neighborhood or city?
- Victor Green and his wife, Alma, edited a guidebook listing places such as hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and beauty salons that African Americans could safely patronize while traveling during the Jim Crow era. This was called *The Negro Motorist Green-Book* and it is viewable in the Library’s collections. What kind of map would be helpful to people in your community? Children and families? Elderly people? People who are homeless? People who have recently moved to the neighborhood? Make a resource map to share with others!
- NYPL regularly partners with the Municipal Art Society for their annual *Jane’s Walk* (a series of NYC walking tours in honor of urban activist Jane Jacobs). Write and illustrate your own NYC walking tour on a theme or topic important to you!

Submit What You Create to Our Teen Magazine Contest!

Our new teen magazine will include writing and art by and for teens. 25 pieces selected for publication will be awarded a $100 gift card. Submit between Thursday, June 9th and Friday, August 19. You must be between the ages of 13 and 19 and live, work, or go to school in New York City to enter. Read our full submission guidelines, and submit at this link.
Read About It!

Check out the titles below in the Library’s collection about urban infrastructure and unique ways of looking at New York City through maps.

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- Attend programs and events
- Talk with a library staff member about what you’re reading and creating
- Get book recommendations based on your interests!