

QUESTIONS

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QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT ELMHURST START AND FINISH TO PICK UP PRIZE

QUESTION #1: From 1886 to 1919, Andrew Carnegie donated extensively to open 1,679 libraries across the country. NYC Carnegie branch libraries, including the Elmhurst Library, were designed to be distinct, centrally-located structures. Land for the Elmhurst site was purchased in 1903 for \$10,000. Construction and equipment cost \$36,246.75. In 2011, the old Carnegie library officially closed to make way for the new one. On the first floor of the new library, which re-opened in 2016, stands a _____ dedicated to Andrew Carnegie.

Hint: Scan the QR code on the purple sign for the answer.

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ROBERT R. TILITZ STREET

QUESTION #2: In front of the Queens Public Library's Elmhurst branch, a street is co-named Robert R. Tilitz Street, after the former president of the Newtown Civic Association. Active in the Elmhurst community, he volunteered at a mental health clinic; was associate editor of *The Newtown Crier*; served on Community Board 4; was a trustee of the Queensboro Library System for 13 years; and was often referred to as the _____ of Elmhurst.

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REVEREND JAMES PENNINGTON PLACE

QUESTION #3: At the corner of Corona Avenue and 90th Street is a street named Reverend James Pennington Place, after a mid-19th-century African American orator, minister, writer and abolitionist. He was hired to teach school in Newtown (now Elmhurst) and later served as a church pastor. In October 2011, while breaking ground on an apartment complex at this address, construction workers were shocked to discover human remains inside an ornate iron coffin. A forensics team of historians and scientists collaborated in uncovering the identity of the "woman in an iron coffin."

Her name was _____ a 26-year-old African American woman living in New York City in 1850 and a member of the Union African Church. At the time of her death (attributed to smallpox), she lived with William Raymond, the brother-in-law of Almond Dunbar Fisk, owner of the iron coffin business (also of 69th St./Fisk Ave).

Hint: Answer is on the purple sign.

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JANTA-POLCZYNSKA POLISH HEROES WAY

QUESTION #4: Walentyna Janta-Polczyńska was at the heart of the Polish Resistance during World War II. She translated documents from the Polish underground into English, including reports by Jan Karski – the first reports documenting the presence of concentration camps in occupied Poland and the horrors going on in the Warsaw Ghetto. Despite letters to the _____ from the Elmhurst community asking to honor this residence of historical significance, the wooden home was demolished in May 2022 to build a new apartment complex. Read the sign to answer this question!

Hint: Answer is on the purple sign.

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MOORE HOMESTEAD PLAYGROUND

QUESTION #5: At the NE corner of the park (on Broadway and Elmhurst), there once stood a house frequented by Clement Clarke Moore, the author of "The Night Before Christmas." The house exchanged hands between Captain Samuel Moore (son of Newtown's founder John Moore in 1652) and Lambert Woodward (who married Moore's daughter). He later sold it to Dr. _____ – a wealthy merchant whose estate manager was Morris Connelly – father of Maurice Connolly, the fifth borough president of Queens. A street is currently named in his honor.

Hint: Answer is on the purple sign.

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ELMHURST SCAVENGER HUNT



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



MAP & QUESTIONNAIRE INSIDE 

SCAVENGER HUNT MAP



MOORE HOMESTEAD PLAYGROUND

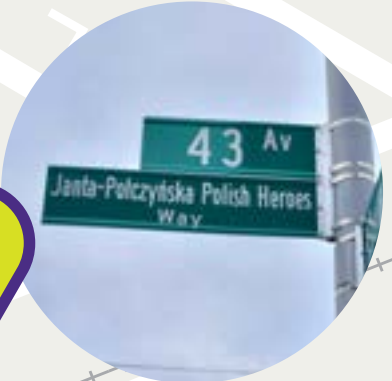
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