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**Digitize and Preserve Local Echo Park History
at the Mobile Memory Lab's
Community Scanning Day on Sat., June 1, and
Oral History Day on Sat., June 8**

Events Held at the Edendale Branch Library, 2011 W. Sunset Blvd.

Los Angeles (May 22, 2019) – Angelenos are invited to bring their family photographs, diaries, letters and other keepsakes to be digitized and preserved at the Community Scanning Day on Saturday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and to record personal stories of their neighborhood at the Oral History Day on Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Edendale Branch, 2011 W. Sunset Blvd. These programs are part of the library's pop-up Mobile Memory Lab and are free and open to the public.

"We're encouraging everyone to check their closets, basements and attics for correspondence, photos, and other artifacts of local families, businesses, block parties and community organizations that tell the story of our Echo Park community in Los Angeles," said Niels Bartels, Edendale Branch Senior Librarian. "By bringing these important materials to the Community Scanning Day, we can digitize and preserve them for future generations. We also want long-term residents to preserve and share their experiences about living in the community by recording them at the Oral History Day. Everyone who participates will take home their original materials and digital copies, including a copy of their oral history."

At the events, library staff will help patrons convert their negatives, slides, photos and other paper-format items into digital formats that can be viewed on modern

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devices including smartphones, tablets and computers. Equipment is also available to capture three-dimensional artifacts, such as instruments, artwork and textiles. Digitized materials will be added, with permission, to the Los Angeles Public Library's digital collections and made available to the public through the library website: tessa.lapl.org

The Mobile Memory Lab is the latest initiative in the Los Angeles Public Library's ongoing commitment to collect, preserve and make more broadly available the unique stories and local histories of L.A.'s diverse neighborhoods.

Space in these programs is limited; please RSVP by visiting the Edendale Branch or calling (213) 207-3000.

The Mobile Memory Lab program is supported by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

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