

History We Call Home

"History We Call Home" is a digital collage storytelling project for Montreal's English-speaking seniors.

Operated by the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, the project merges digital literacy, visual communication, and personal history, as participants learn how to use Google Slides to make a collage about their Montreal origin story.

Between mid-July 2026 and mid-February 2027, seniors will attend eight monthly 2-hour workshops at the Atwater Library computer classroom on Monday or Tuesday mornings. Between the monthly workshops, optional online trouble-shooting drop-ins are offered for additional support. March 2027 is a field trip to Concordia's Media Lab with engAGE.

Participants will learn how to use Google Slides as a design space, including design techniques and tips for visual storytelling; how to research personal and local histories; and navigating digital tools and device processes. Through exercises, prompts, and practice, participants will develop and tell their personal Montreal origin story as part of Montreal's local history.

The collages will be gathered together in a digital book that will be shared publicly. In this way, "History We Call Home" offers a visual memoir and historical record that heightens seniors' participation and contribution to the English-Speaking Communities of Quebec's collective conversation and sensitizes the broader community to who our seniors are, including their contributions to Montreal's vibrant cultural and community life writ large.

Please help us find potential English-speaking senior participants who possess following qualities:

- Curiosity
- A willingness to learn new things
- A willingness to be on a learning curve
- Able to attend all workshops at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre
- Comfortable with basic computer use, including email, browser navigation, and Zoom video conferencing
- A smartphone is desirable but not mandatory.

Please be in touch with the project lead, **Zoe Welch**, for questions and/or to register:

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The deadline to register is Friday, July 3.

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