



**BROOKLYN
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CALLING ALL HISTORY LOVERS: BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES “FREE FRIDAY” PROGRAMMING THROUGH SPRING 2016

Free after hours admission will include refreshments and entertainment while allowing visitors to explore exhibitions, galleries and the world-renowned Othmer Library

February 1, 2016 Brooklyn, NY—Brooklyn Historical Society welcomes visitors to enjoy free after hours admission and programming, the first Friday of every month, February through May. Patrons will be able to view exhibitions, the landmarked Othmer Library, and complementary Brooklyn Brewery beer. Beginning with “Romance and the City,” each month’s Free Friday will feature live music and thematic programming that showcases BHS’s unique collections.

Friday, February 5: ROMANCE AND THE CITY

- **Accordion music by Matt Veligdan** (5-9pm)

- **Shelf Life: Stories from the Stacks** (6-6:20pm; 7:30-7:50pm)

During World War II, the Brooklyn Navy Yard served as the largest shipbuilding facility in the world. Join us in the Othmer Library & Archives for a glimpse into the life of a passionate young woman who worked as a mechanic in the shipfitting shop from 1942 to 1944. This story of young love and dedicated service between Lucille and Alfred Kolkin is illustrated by their identification badges, love letters, and oral histories from the BHS collections.

- **Tommy Stathes' Vintage Reels** (6:30-7:15pm; 8-8:45pm)

In the first half of the 20th century, hundreds of animated cartoons were produced in New York City, making the city a leader in the budding art form. Animation historian and film archivist Tommy José Stathes presents a curated selection of these historic cartoons, created especially for Free Friday. Sourced directly from Stathes’ personal archives and in celebration of Valentine's Day, the films will be shown in rare archival 16mm prints. The 45 minute program features both romantic and urban-themed animation from the 1920s-30s.

Upcoming First Free Fridays:

March 4

April 1

May 6

WHAT: *Free Friday*

WHEN: Friday, February 5, 5-9pm

WHERE: Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont Street Brooklyn, NY 11201

TICKETS: Free <http://brooklynhistory.org/visitor/freefridays.html>

About Brooklyn Historical Society

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history. Located in Brooklyn Heights and housed in a magnificent landmark building designed by George Post and opened in 1881, today's BHS is a cultural hub for civic dialogue, thoughtful engagement and community outreach.

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