

That this committee calls on the manager to provide a report detailing the digital archives currently accessible to library users on-site and whether these may be extended to include remote access to registered library users, as was previously available during Covid.

South Dublin Libraries offer free access to a wide range of digital archives and online local studies resources.

The following resources are available for use on-site in library branches:

- **Find My Past**
- **Irish Newspaper Archives**
- **Irish Times Archive** (via *askaboutireland.ie*)
- **JSTOR (Irish Journals)** (via *askaboutireland.ie*)
- **Ordnance Survey Historical Mapping** (via *askaboutireland.ie*)

These resources are accessible in-branch only due to licensing agreements with service providers. During the Covid-related library closures, *Find My Past* was temporarily available for remote access as a goodwill gesture by the provider, but this arrangement has now ended.

South Dublin Libraries also provide unrestricted open access to the following resources:

- **Source** – South Dublin Libraries' digital archive, offering access to a diverse collection of over 12,000 local studies materials related to South Dublin County. The archive includes artefacts, audio recordings, books, burial records, ephemera, exhibitions, historical maps, images, newspapers, pamphlets, and videos.
- **South Dublin Historical Mapping** – A collection of historical maps covering South Dublin County, dating from 1760 to the present.