Recollection Wisconsin

Sharing our Stories. Exploring our Past.

www.recollectionwisconsin.org
Recollection Wisconsin
Office Hours

Get help on new projects, feedback on metadata, or any other live assistance you might need for your digital collection

Every Month
Third Thursdays
9:00 - 10:00 am

https://recollectionwisconsin.org/office-hours
digital projects

CASE STUDIES

short accounts from Wisconsin organizations of all sizes on their work selecting, digitizing, cataloging, and sharing their historical resources for online access.

https://recollectionwisconsin.org/digital-projects-case-studies
Invite a colleague to attend the next Digital Readiness Fair!

www.recollectionwisconsin.org/fairs
We believe libraries, cultural institutions, and their partners make the world a better place. We build relationships and provide services so they can do more with their time and money. We help our members turn ideas into action. Visit www.wils.org for more about who we are and what we do.
Let us help you jump-start a film, video, or audio preservation project!

- Archivists will partner with your organization's volunteers during a daylong workshop
- We offer hands-on training for volunteers who will continue the work for your organization

Visit [www.communityarchiving.org](http://www.communityarchiving.org) for more information!
The History Museum at the Castle is a regional partner in the Community Archiving Workshop (CAW).

Goal: create curricula, documents, and resources to support aging audiovisual collections.

Result: free (yes really!) resources for museums and libraries.

tot.communityarchiving.org
Washington County Tower Heritage Center Research Center and Archives

Digitization of Obituaries
Digital Migration of Photographs

http://thetowerheritagecenter.org/
www.facebook.com/TheTowerHeritageCenter
Digitization of Obituaries

- Ongoing Project
- Digitizing over 33,000 obituary cards
- Digitizing current obituaries from local newspapers:
  - West Bend News
  - Kewaskum Statesman
Digital Migration of Photographs

- Current project
- 17,000 photographs
- Migrating from master and working DVDs to a secure storage location on server
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Wisconsin Historical Society
Local History Outreach Program

Wisconsin was the first state in the country to emphasize the power of local history. Since 1898, because of dedicated community leaders across the state, the Wisconsin Historical Society's network of local history partners has grown to over 400 organizations and nearly 60,000 members and is written into the state's statutes as a vital responsibility of the Society.

Visit us [online](#) or email [janet.seymour@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:janet.seymour@wisconsinhistory.org) for more information!
Building a Community of Practice for Digital Readiness in Wisconsin and the Digital Readiness Fairs are supported by an Archives Collaboratives Implementation Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, NHPRC, the granting arm of the National Archives.

Thank you, NHPRC!
The Toolkit brings together resources and practitioner advice for creating, managing, and sharing digital collections that address common concerns.

Check out The Toolkit: recollectionwisconsin.org/category/toolkit
Our THANKS to the 2020-2021 Digital Readiness Community of Practice Launch Committee:

★ Chris Allen, Kenosha County Historical Society
★ Ben Barbera, Milwaukee County Historical Society
★ Bonnie Byrd, Waukesha County Historical Society
★ Michelle Gobert, Crandon Area Historical Society
★ Jennifer Gurske, Madison Trust for Historic Preservation
★ Joe Hermolin, Langlade County Historical Society
★ Cheryl Kern-Simirenko, Stanley Area Historical Society
★ Janean Mollet-Van Beckum, History Center of Washington County
★ Tammy Schutz, Barron County Historical Society, Pioneer Village Museum
★ Katie Stilp, Appleton Public Library
★ Robin Untz, Lake Mills Aztalan Historical Society
Our Digital Readiness Community of Practice Launch Committee covers the state!
Appleton Public Library

www.apl.org
www.facebook.com/appletonpubliclibrary

Contact: Katie Stilp, Local History Librarian
kstilp@apl.org or 920-832-6173
Appleton Public Library’s Projects

- Obituary Index
- *Post-Crescent*, newspaper index
- Historic Photos Index
- Digitized historic texts, city directories, plat maps and photos - access via Appleton Memory Project, Fox Valley Memory Project and the UW Digital Collections

Oral History Interview Kits, NEW!

- 14-day check out
- Kits include digital voice recorder, USB cord, tri-lingual manual (English, Spanish and Hmong)
- Includes how to conduct an oral history interview, sample questions and how to use the recorder.
Find Your Ancestors
Genealogy Series

- Virtual events via Zoom
- Upcoming Programs
  - 7/17 - Finding Your German Ancestors
  - 8/14 - The Family Black Sheep
  - 9/11 - Irish Genealogy
- Register here:
  www.apl.org/calendar
- Past programs on YouTube:
  www.youtube.com/aplref
Northwestern Lumber Company
Stanley’s Origin

Stanley Area Historical Society
Follow us on Facebook
Carnegie Library opened in 1905 and became a museum in 1997
Antigo student volunteers scan material to share via Recollection Wisconsin
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Soliciting Additions to our Photo Archives

- Collaboration with a seniors’ group
- Scanning family photos
- Started before COVID-19 lockdown
- Restarting soon!

Langlade County Historical Society
Bike Tour of Antigo’s Historic Sites

The first tour led to donations and publication of a booklet!
Girl Scout Project

Girl Scouts used the museum archives to prepare interpretive markers along a local trail.
Museum archives are used by 4H members to prepare presentations.
Roland “Bud” McBain Recounting his WWII Experiences

A subsequent recorded interview was part of Recollection Wisconsin Listening to War oral history project.

Langlade County Historical Society
Middle School Class Project

Middle school teachers used museum archives in an 8th grade project of a walking tour booklet of old downtown Antigo.

Langlade County Historical Society
Museum on the Road

Artifacts and photos at public events - here at a dairy farm open house.

Langlade County Historical Society
Downtown Revitalization Project

Downtown business association used museum archives photos to produce large vinyl prints for display in a vacant store - part of a continuing, rotating exhibit.

Langlade County Historical Society
Santa Visits at Christmas

Cookies are served and each child receives a small gift.

Langlade County Historical Society
Join our Digital Readiness Community of Practice!

Sign up to receive our community listserv (digistew [at] wils.org), the Recollection Wisconsin newsletter and other digital readiness communications. Stay informed about our upcoming events and new learning resources to support your digital project work. WELCOME!


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Go to: tinyurl.com/dsdp75kn
Want to see all these great links in one place?

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Oconto County Genealogical Society

http://www.wiocgs.org

Index to all the transcribed Oconto County cemeteries.

http://www.wicemeteries.com
Kenosha County Historical Society

- Founded January 24, 1878
- Had campuses in public buildings and a Victorian mansion.
- Opened Kenosha History Center in 2002
- Renovated the Southport Light Station during 1990s and 2000s, opened Light Station Museum in 2010.
- www.kenoshahistorycenter.org
C.E. Dewey Lantern Slide Collection

- Cortland Ernest Dewey was President of KCHS from 1933 to 1945.
- Created over a thousand slides on Kenosha County history.
- 1232 glass slides digitized under 2008 LSTA Grant administered by IMLS, and in collaboration with Kenosha Public Library.
Louis M. Thiers Glass Negative Collection

- Louis Milton Thiers was a Kenosha-based photographer.
- Over 1000 glass negatives digitized.
- Digitized under same IMLS grant as Dewey Collection, with the Kenosha Public Library.
Kenosha's Lost Industries

- From 1850s to 1970s, Kenosha was a major industrial center.
- Over 1600 photos and digitized textual materials.
- Completed with a 2011 LSTA Grant administered by IMLS, and in collaboration with Kenosha Public Library.

American Motors digitization project with independent filmmaker Joe Ligo.
- 600 videotapes of American Motors corporate and factory materials.
- Variety of formats including Ampex and Sony reel-to-reel video tape, U-Matic and Betamax cassettes.