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Invite a colleague to attend the next Digital Readiness Fair!

Register for one of our upcoming

DIGITAL READINESS FAIRS

June 29 • July 16 • August 3 • August 18

Virtual, free, and open to anyone interested in creating digital historical collections

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Recollection Wisconsin

Sharing our Stories. Exploring our Past.

www.recollectionwisconsin.org
Does anyone know the story behind the name?

I remember this like it was yesterday

I was the first girl to work at that store back in 1945.

This looks exactly like the house we had on our farm

My ancestors

I grew up half a block from there

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Absolutely amazing pictures!
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
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 jumpstart 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.

**Visit** tot.communityarchiving.org
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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
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!
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
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★ Katie Stilp, Appleton Public Library
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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 Digital 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 period
- Kits include digital voice recorder, USB cord, tri-lingual manual (English, Spanish and Hmong)
- How to conduct an oral history interview & use the recorder, and sample questions
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
Listening to War

Wisconsin's Wartime Oral Histories

https://recolletionwisconsin.org/listeningtowar
Langlade County Historical Society

Opened as a Carnegie Library in 1905; became a museum in 1997!

http://www.langladehistory.com/
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
Girl Scouts used the museum archives to prepare interpretive markers along a local trail.
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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
DIGITIZE OCONTO COUNTY

http://ocnews.co.oconto.wi.us

Project Goal: Preserving the history of Oconto County—one page at a time—and making the newspaper content freely accessible to everyone.
Oconto County Genealogical Society

http://www.wiocgs.org

Index to all the transcribed Oconto County cemeteries.

http://www.wicemeteries.com
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The Waukesha World War I Heritage Trail on Clio

www.theclio.com/entry/105199
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](http://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 1,600 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
- Ampex and Sony reel-to-reel video tape, U-Matic and Betamax cassettes
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Recorded sessions are available online!

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To view our local history and genealogy resources, visit our website at: www.uwgb.edu/archives

To search our online index, visit: www.uwgb.edu/archives-records/

To explore our Belgian-American Research Collection, visit: search.library.wisc.edu/digital/ABelgAmrCol

Questions?
Email us at archives@uwgb.edu
Lawrence University and Milwaukee-Downer College history all in one place. Supporting the research needs of Lawrence students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the wider community.
Search the Archives Catalog [https://archives.lawrence.edu]
Over 2,500 digitized materials from the Lawrence University Archives are now available online

https://library.artstor.org/#/collection/100014221
Published materials from the Lawrence University Archives

https://lux.lawrence.edu/archives/

Yearbooks, Student Newspapers, Oral Histories, and more!
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Discovering Long-Term Digital Solutions and Collaborations

Last year, traditional presentations were out of the question so...let’s try something different!
YouTube is a free social media platform that is perfect for sharing lots of historical content.
Screencast programs help create, edit and save videos for under $50 a year
ZOOM video presentations for MWHS enthusiasts financed by our collaboration with the MW chamber of commerce.

Free online utility Mailchimp was effective in communicating our ZOOM presentations to members and users.

www.mwhistory.org
We added ZOOM presentations to our YouTube channel and viewers were thrilled.
Oral Histories easily transfer to YouTube

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Collaborating with local TV programs proved very popular
Creating our own social media content
Hiring interns to transfer video content to YouTube

In the first 4 weeks of MWHS internships, 19 videos at Koller Library were archived to our YouTube channel.

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Manitowish Waters Historical Society increased membership and engagement during the pandemic

➔ 60+ YouTube videos added between April 2020 & July 2021

➔ 104 YouTube subscribers!

➔ MWHS membership grew from 75 in 2020 to 135 in 2021!

➔ Younger community members are engaging in MWHS

➔ Facebook 769 “Likes” and 847 “Follows” since 2020

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Even more YouTube potential...Podcasting!

YouTube is the #1 Destination for Podcast Consumption

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Source: Future Media / University of Florida / NAB Podcast Users National Survey Report 2019

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UNIVERSITY RECORDS
- PHOTO LOTS
- STUDENT NEWSPAPERS
- PRESS RELEASES
- COURSE CATALOGS

YEARBOOKS
ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS
VERTICAL FILES

PORTAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- PHOTO LOTS
- VERTICAL FILES
- DIRECTORIES
- LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

https://uwsp.access.preservica.com/
AUDIO AND VIDEO ON YOUTUBE

www.youtube.com/channel/UCw97_IYCCGJx0QiyS59ieHQ
CURRENT PROJECT

COLLABORATION WITH THE FOREST HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN

• DIGITIZING 30 ARCHIVE BOXES OF MATERIALS
• ADDING TO ONLINE DIGITAL COLLECTIONS
• PROVIDING EXPERIENCE TO INTERNS
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