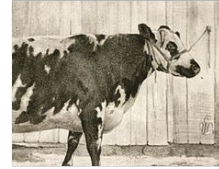


Recollection Wisconsin
Digitization Initiative:
Fostering Collaboration
Between Information
School Programs and
Local History
Organizations





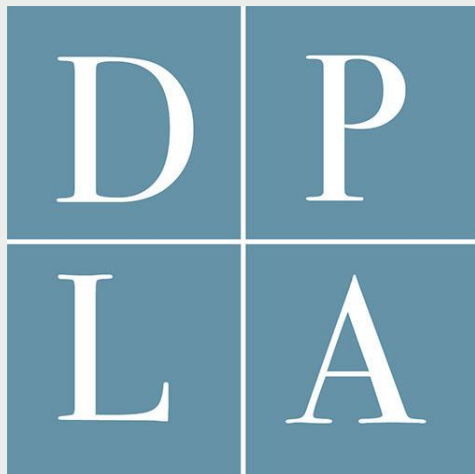
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W I S C O N S I N

Recollection Wisconsin brings together digital cultural heritage resources from Wisconsin libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies and shares them with the world.

<https://recollectionwisconsin.org>



The Collection

- 700,000 historical resources
- photos, maps, books, audio, video, artifacts and more
- aggregated from 250 orgs
- 400+ distinct collections
- Wisconsin's DPLA hub
- Amplifying Wisconsin history!



The Community + Expertise

- Six governing partners
- WiLS = project manager
- Statewide resource for LAMS, local history orgs
- Community of practice!
- *Digital Readiness Toolkit*

<https://recollectionwisconsin.org/accessing-the-digital-readiness-toolkit>



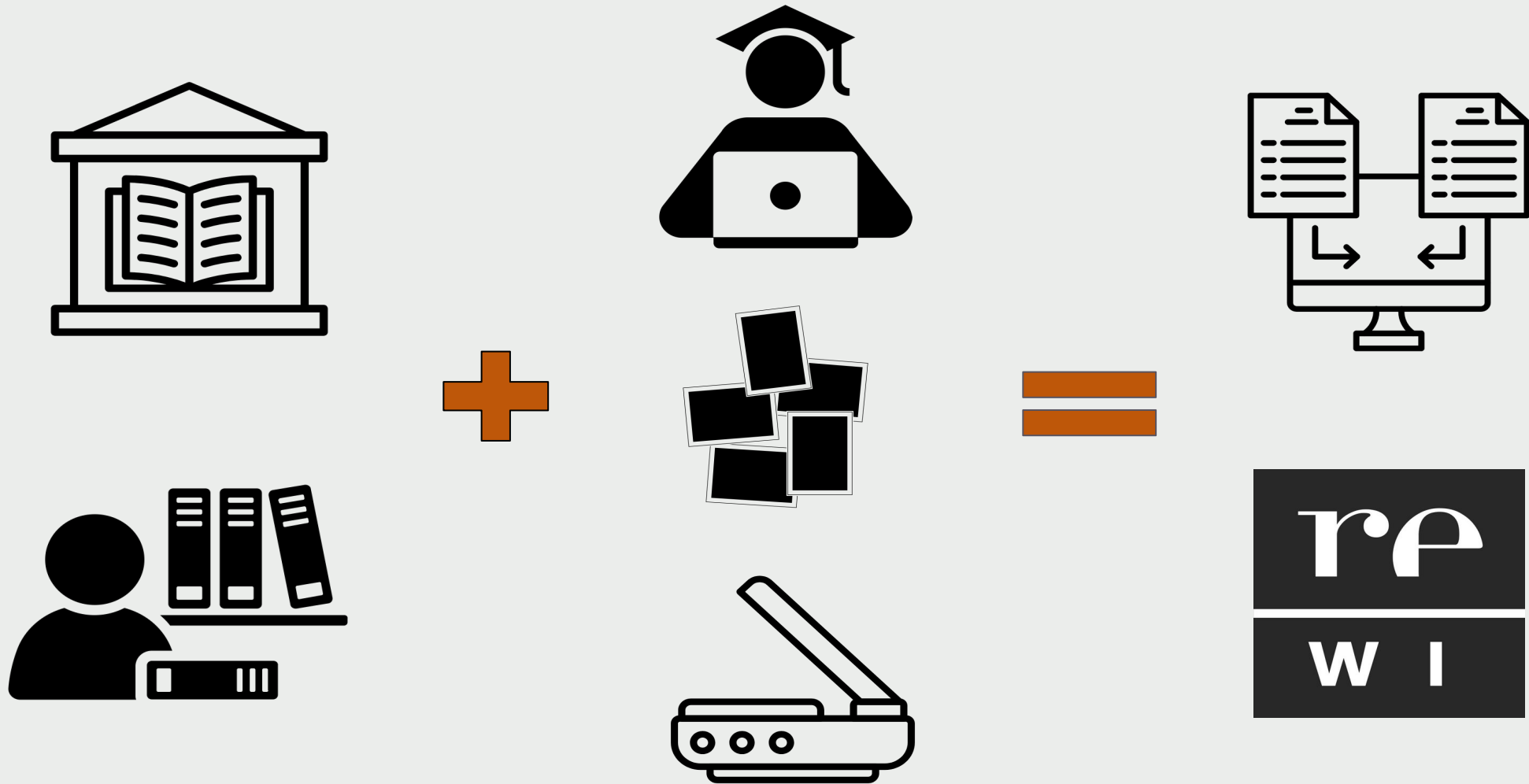
We believe libraries, cultural institutions, and their partners make the world a better place.

We build relationships and provide services so they can do more with their time and money.

We help our members turn ideas into action.

<https://www.wils.org/>

Recollection Wisconsin Digitization Initiative





*Strategic planning, c. 1955.
UW Digital Collections*

Goals: Program-level

- Leverage experience - digital curation, community-building programs
- Outreach and relationship building
- Continued use of past projects
- ROI + supporting Wisconsin people and institutions



*UW Archivist Gilbert Doane.
UW-Madison Archives*

Goals: Collection development

- New types of collections
- Fill gaps
- New stories, under-represented communities
- New partnerships - community of practice!



*Folk dancing at UW–Green
Bay.*

UW–Madison Archives

Goals: Host sites and supervisors

- Recollection Wisconsin strategic goals
- Expand participation, onboard new content partners, focus on under-represented geographic areas
- Provide training, build workflows for sustainable digitization work
- Create meaningful connections with graduate programs



*Library School students, c. 1926.
UW Digital Collections*

Goals: Student participants

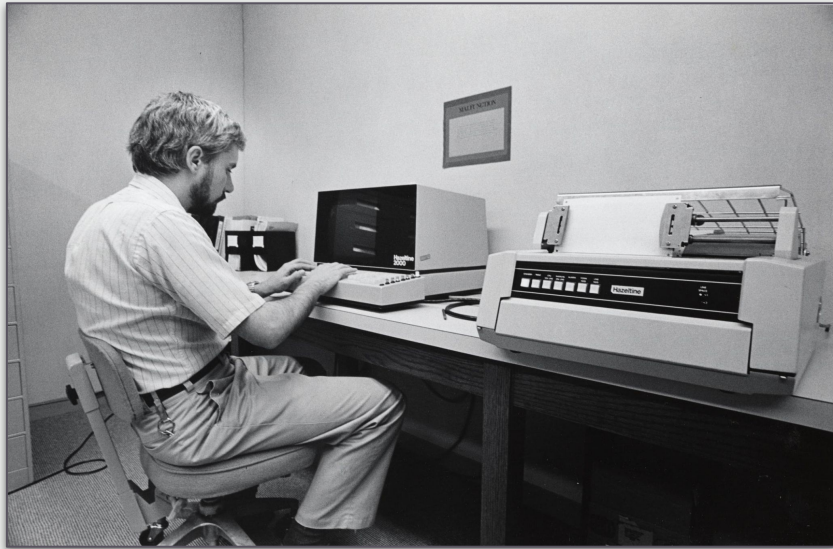
- Paid student opportunities
- Experiential learning outside of major cities
- Training and support, curriculum
- Transferable skills, workforce development
- Share our knowledge and experience!



UW-Stout, c. 1920.
UW Digital Collections

Structure and logistics

- Cohort- and semester-based program
- Student placements for credit
- Digitization project - start to finish: scanning, metadata, project management, documentation, CONTENTdm
- Student stipend + mileage reimbursement
- Orientation to host site and collections



***UW–Madison student, 1979.
UW Digital Collections***

Participants and requirements

- Students + host site supervisors +
Recollection Wisconsin staff
- Vicki - part time coordinator
- Application + informal interview
- Match-making process
 - students: proximity to host site, ability
to travel
 - host sites: digital readiness
- Information school staff support



*UW–Madison women's track, 1921.
UW Digital Collections*

Training and support

- Participation agreements
- Host sites - project planning
- Virtual training + curriculum
- Weekly + monthly check in meetings
- Mid-semester all-cohort meeting
- Ongoing support, program evaluation



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MUSEUM**



Eagle River Historical Society

Vito S. Bortolotti, Executive Director



Eagle River Historical Society

MISSION STATEMENT

To collect, preserve and share Eagle River heritage and culture, and to be a recognized economic asset to the community.

VISION STATEMENT

To offer services to the Eagle River area by means of preservation, research, and community outreach in our museums and public spaces.





**Eagle River Historical Society
Main Museum Campus**

**Eagle River Historical Society
Depot Museum**





E.R.H.S. Collections & Archives

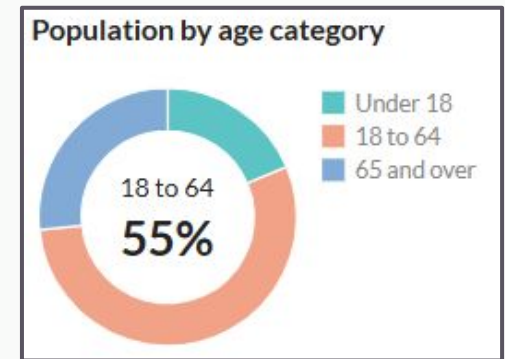
Project Purpose

The Eagle River Historical Society (E.R.H.S.) has an extensive and growing collection of 2D and 3D objects representing Eagle River and other Vilas County communities too small to field their own local history organization.

- Desire to make collections publicly available.
- Online platforms can be costly or technologically challenging.
- Demographically, lots of tourists and a year round, older generation.

Our biggest need? To meet locals and tourists where they were at, in both skill, interest, and overall usefulness.

Recollection Wisconsin and CONTENTdm helped E.R.H.S. achieve this intersection.



*U.S. Census Bureau
c. 2023 for Vilas Co. Wisc.*



E.R.H.S. Archival Collection Files (A.C.F.)

Project Scope

The E.R.H.S. has digitized 4,000+ images, independent of what is already in our archives. Courtesy of a local Historian, Craig Moore.

- Many people loan us collections but they take up space and are not permanent.
- The Historical Society needed a way to save a digital copy of collections, for internal & research records.

In addition to digital files, we have thousands of artifacts in our A.C.F. not yet digitized. Our greatest challenge has been scanning equipment and trained volunteers or docents.

Recollection Wisconsin has been instrumental in the execution of this project by providing:

- Partners with proper equipment
- Metadata and scanning instructions
- *Digital Readiness Toolkit*



*NFLS offices + digitization lab in
Green Bay, Wisconsin*



*Jacqueline Steel,
UW-Milwaukee SOIS*



*Tracy Vreeke,
NFLS director*

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Chanticleer Inn, c. 1968-1969

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TO VIEW OUR COLLECTION IN
RECOLLECTION WISCONSIN**

<https://content.mpl.org/digital/collection/ERHSDigiArch/search>

What's next for us?

This is no small project and will have no formal end. **As of 12/11/2024, we have uploaded 1,400 images to Recollection Wisconsin!**

- Approx. 2,600 digital images to be uploaded.
- Partnering with the Nicolet Federated Library System, Recollection Wisconsin, and other universities, to invite interns to digitize and add new materials to Recollection Wisconsin.
- Our ***Internal Initiative*** = upload 500-1000 scans per year.
- By June of 2025? Add yearbooks from 1950-2000 and 16mm film from 1939-1945.
- Community uses to date:
 - Local school district
 - Eagle River Genealogical Society
 - City of Eagle River
 - National Register nominations



Ho-Chunk Language Division

Kierstin Wagner, UW-Milwaukee SOIS



Samson Falcon and Kierstin Wagner



***View the HLD's online
learning resources!***

Ho-Chunk Language Division

- Site supervisors: Ahuginąwįga (Adrienne) Thunder and Hiwicožuga (Samson) Falcon

- Mission

"The Hoocąk Waaziija Hacı Language Division is dedicated to ensuring that the Hoocąk language continues to be a "living language." As a sign of respect to their elders and the speakers that have come before them, they will continue to speak the Hoocąk language, celebrate customs, respect the Hoocąk value system and teach future generations the "'Hoocąk way of life.'"

- Language collections



***Kierstin Wagner with the
HLD archives***



***Learn more
about Mukurtu!***

Project Phases

- Project history
- Physical and intellectual organization
- Digitization
- Uploading to Mukurtu
- Documentation



HLD Digitization Lab



*Learn more
about the project!*

Project Outcomes

- Accessible documentation
 - Project history
 - Digital file management scheme
 - Digital storage plan
 - Metadata guide
- Expanded community access
- Momentum



Samson Falcon at a recent outreach event at a local public school

Takeaways

- Planning: have guiding documents and shared learning resources
- Communication: check in with partners early and often
- Compensation: show your respect for the student's time and expertise
- Documentation: ensure the long-term viability of these projects



What's next?

- Summer cohort
- 11 projects+students+host sites!
- Evaluation, outreach and funding
- 2026 and beyond?
- *Digital Readiness Toolkit*
- "How we did this" document

Recollection Wisconsin Digitization Initiative

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