

Archives Week 2005



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The theme for Archives Week 2006 (October 15-22) is "Wisconsin at Play," the recreational activities, leisure pursuits, sports, hobbies, and games that Badger State residents have engaged in over the years. We want to encourage you to comb your archives and historical collections for items that document this off-hours part of Wisconsin life. Plan a program for your community and users that highlights your "Wisconsin at Play" collections.

As you develop your program, watch this web page for ideas, resources, and information about what other people around the state are planning to do for Archives Week. We will be building the 2006 Archives Week web offering steadily over the next ten months and hope that you visit often. We will be glad to answer your questions and direct you to sources of help for your Archives Week program, so please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for making Archives Week 2005 a grand success!

Sincerely,

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This list of program ideas is only meant to suggest possibilities. Brainstorm with others in your community and in your institution to develop other ideas that fulfill the mission of Archives Week and that work for you. Involve as many people in your area as you can. Be imaginative!

Classroom Collaborations

- Give an educational presentation for National History Day students on how to use primary sources.
- Help students put on a dramatic reading that uses words and descriptions from the diaries and letters of Wisconsin women.
- Conduct a class project to write the history of a woman in the family of each child in the class.
- Work with a teacher to develop lesson plans that incorporate historical records by or about Wisconsin women.

Local Media

- Work with your local newspaper to print a photograph or letter from your collections each day of Archives Week, or highlight different women's collections on a weekly basis.
- Publicize any events underway in conjunction with Archives week.
- Suggest a news story that contrasts the lives of early women in your area of Wisconsin with women's lives today.

Public Programming

- Develop a campaign to collect documents from your community that should be preserved for posterity. Publicize your collecting efforts during Archives Week and enlist the interest and support of your community.
- Create an exhibit of items from your collections and invite school classes and community groups to guided tours of the exhibit and of your institution. For greater exposure, move the exhibit from your institution to other public spaces such as the post office or a school exhibit case.
- Work with women's groups to create public programs or panel discussions about women past and present. Record reminiscences of your community members. Their recorded memories can be your most precious historical records.
- Put on a dramatic reading that uses words and descriptions of Wisconsin women.
- Host a viewing of films that highlight women.

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Jean Pond Miner with "Forward"

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Archives Week needs your participation!

When you participate in Archives Week, you are helping the general public and resource allocators such as trustees, administrators and legislators appreciate the contribution that historical records make to modern society. Participate in Archives Week and show off your collections of historical records to your community, colleagues, and donors, to demonstrate the value of the records and the significance of the work you do with them.

Planning for Archives Week

Archives Week is a great opportunity for you to host an event for your local community! Check out the links below for ideas and tips for coordinating event planning and publicity.

[Previous Archives Week pages](#)

[Programming Ideas](#)

[Publicizing Your Event and Working with the Press](#)

- Step One: Create your media list
- Step Two: Write your news releases
- Step Three: Follow Up

[Follow up to Create Good Media Relations](#)

- Tips for being interviewed
- Tips for writing a speech

[Other Public Relations Tools](#)

- Photo with caption
- Fact sheet and backgrounder
- Media advisory
- Calendar notice
- Pitch letter
- Familiarization tour
- Print interview checklist

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About Archives Week



Woman at the tiller of
a motorboat with tree-lined
shore in the background.

Historical Records: Keys to Our Cultural Heritage

Archives Week is an annual celebration of the value of Wisconsin's historical records, the original documents that tell the stories of our families, communities, business and civic organizations, and government institutions. During Archives Week, archival repositories, libraries, and other institutions around the state hold programs and exhibits to promote the value of historical records.

Historical Records Are Everywhere!

Historical records are not just dusty papers in an attic or dark archival repository; historical records are alive and everywhere! How many of the following items do you have in your home?

- Social security card
- School report card
- Immunization record
- Speeding ticket
- Record of births, marriages & deaths in the front of a family Bible
- Birth certificate
- Diary or journal
- Letters that you've received or copies of letters that you've sent
- Marriage certificate
- A newspaper clipping about your child's basketball team or an obituary
- Bills, check stubs, mortgage papers
- Letter of acceptance to a college
- Photographs

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- A scrapbook holding any of the above

These are all examples of historical records, and you can probably add many more possibilities to the list. Here are more ways that historical records are part of our daily lives:

- Churches keep records about the baptisms, marriages, and deaths of its parishioners
- Doctors and hospitals keep records on the patients they treat
- Businesses keep records that document a new invention or product
- Civic organizations (such as Kiwanis, Lyons Club, Rotary International) keep a constitution, meeting minutes, and a membership roll
- Courthouses have criminal, divorce, and civil case records

The lists go on and on! Modern lives are extensively documented, and repositories that have historical records contain the keys to understanding lives from the past.

Who Sponsors Archives Week?

Wisconsin's Archives Week is one of many such programs in the nation (states such as New York and Kentucky also have Archives Week programs). It is a participatory program sponsored by the [Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board \(WHRAB\)](#), which works in association with the Wisconsin Historical Society.

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- [Archives Week 2003 \(PDF, 1.13MB\)](#)
- [Archives Week 2002 \(PDF, 740KB\)](#)
- [Archives Week 2001 \(PDF, 260KB\)](#)
- [Archives Week 2000 \(PDF, 300KB\)](#)
- [Archives Week 1999 \(PDF, 140KB\)](#)

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