

Special Collections

Bacon Memorial District Library maintains two Special Collections: the Local History Collection and the Max Schwartz Collection. The selection, circulation and weeding guidelines for these materials are different from those stated in the Collection Development Policy.

Purpose and Scope of the Local History Collection

The purpose of the local history collection is to actively collect and preserve materials that support historical and genealogical research of Wyandotte and the Downriver area. Materials held in this collection are intended for use by researchers and the general public. All items in the collection are for use in the library only.

The Local History Collection gathers information of historical relevance on the city of Wyandotte and the surrounding communities of the Downriver area.

The collection houses materials in a variety of formats including, but not limited to: books, pamphlets, posters, diaries, letters, maps, photographs, scrapbooks and digital. The collection does not house three dimensional artifacts.

In the case of digitized historic items, the library will include the following statement to address issues of copyright.

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All Local History materials are available in the library for research during Local History Room Hours and on an appointment basis. Local History materials may not circulate outside the library without special permission from the Local History Librarian. Material may be photocopied, unless copying it would damage it.

Patrons may request research help from library staff. Staff are unable to provide extensive genealogy research.

Purpose and Scope of the Max Schwartz Collection

The Max Schwartz Collection is a collection of historical materials on the subjects of U.S. military history, transportation and American cultural history. It consists of materials collected by Max Schwartz and donated by his family. New materials are not purchased for this collection.

All Max Schwartz materials are available in the library for research at all times the library is open. Due to the value and condition of books in this collection they do not circulate.

Gifts and Loans

Donations will be accepted provided that there is a signed Deed of Gift form that legally transfers ownership of the materials to the Bacon Memorial District Library. Items will not be accepted on deposit. The only exception is the temporary loan of items for exhibition. Exhibition items will not be kept longer than a six month loan.

Discarding Materials

Bacon Memorial District Library reserves the right to dispose of materials inappropriate to our collections. Options include returning materials to donors, selling items, and offering collections to other institutions.