UW-Green Bay Archives & Area Research Center

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Archives and Area Research Center (ARC) has historical records pertaining to Northeastern Wisconsin. We have original materials dating from the 1600s to the present. These rich historical resources cover a wide variety of topics. Examples include: Civil War, immigrants, suffrage, community development, LGBTQ+ community, courtship, World War II, homemaking, Belgian-Americans, political matters, and businesses. The collections include diaries, letters, memoirs, photos, maps, oral histories, court records, citizenship papers, vital records, school records and more!

In the Classroom

Educators are always looking for new ideas to make learning experiences interesting and challenging for students. One of the ways to enrich learning is to connect the past to the present. By giving students an opportunity to research with primary sources, the past comes alive in a way often not possible in today's information age. With its treasure trove of original materials on just about any topic imaginable, the Archives can help with assignments in many disciplines. The possibilities are limitless!





Utilizing High-Impact Education Practices, the Archives staff collaborates with instructors to develop assignments and primary source literacy assessments, giving students opportunities to become deeply immersed in collections of original historical materials. As a result, students learn how to analyze and interpret diverse primary sources in a variety of formats, develop critical thinking skills, and understanding of historical perspectives from a variety of voices.

The Archives staff will work with you to provide instruction, and hold research times for your classes. For more in-depth projects, we can serve as a research lab site. Even if you only have a concept for an assignment or project, contact the Archives! We will be happy to work with you in developing and implementing course assignments and projects. We are also available to help with your own research as well as students conducting independent study projects.

Everything UW-Green Bay History

We also are the home of the archives of UW-Green Bay. In this role, we have founding documents, campus blueprints and plans, student newspapers, publications, syllabi, accreditation reports, photographs, official committee records, theses and memorabilia.

Our staff can help you find information about people, events, activities, decisions, and experiences from UWGB's past. We can assist with questions about any aspect of the University's history. Two of the strongest parts of our collections include photographs and oral history interviews. Both are rich resources to highlight UWGB's unique history. They lend themselves to creative uses on department web pages, student presentations, bobblehead designs, and media productions.

If you are ever curious about the stories of our past, reach out to us. We can talk forever about Fighting Tomatoes, EcoU, Phlash, Bayshore Outing Center, origins of Jazz Fest, celebrating the first Earth Day, Cofrin Arboretum, student protests, and more!

Feeding Your History Passion

The Archives Team can help you with a wide variety of personal historic interests. We can help you:

- Date your photos or your home
- Grow your passion for vintage gardening, cooking, buildings, and fashion
- Step back in time with love letters, diaries, child rearing advice, and wartime correspondence
- Explore Wisconsin uniquely with historical driving tours
- Study up for historic re-enactments
- Be inspired for your creative writing, art, or gaming
- Climb your family tree. Come see us...we are experts in using Ancestry and breaking genealogy brick walls!





Contact us!

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The Archives is located on the 7th floor of the Cofrin Library, room 705.