Montana Community Archive Project

Building Partnerships Between Community Libraries and MSU Extension.
Introductions

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Today’s Objectives

To build community capacity regarding the design and implementation of the Montana Community Archive Project.

To encourage intergenerational relationships within the community and increase the competence and confidence of youth through the gathering of archival materials and oral histories.

To increase community pride, sense of place and history, and social capital within the community.
Montana Memory Project
Some Stats

- 158 published collections
- 72 contributing institutions
- Continually seeking more content – desire statewide coverage
- Still have no content from 16 counties
- FB posts reach an average of 5000 people per day
- Webpage averages 1700 users per week.
Why Partner?

1. Share similar objectives
2. Share resources
3. Share the workload
4. Learn from one another
5. Develop stronger community ties
The Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890 created Land-Grant Institutions

"...shall constitute a perpetual fund, the capital of which shall remain forever undiminished ... to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life."

The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 created the Cooperative Extension System

"... Cooperative agricultural extension shall consist of the development of ... instruction and practical demonstrations of ... practices or technologies in agriculture, ... home economics, ... and subjects relating thereto to persons not attending or resident in said colleges."
Montana State University Extension

- 92 agents
- 32 specialists
- 60 offices statewide
Extension Program Areas

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Yard and Garden
- Community Development
- Youth Development (4-H)
4-H in Montana

Largest, out-of-school youth development program

Nearly 20,000 youth

More than 200 different project and learning experiences
Montana Community Archive Project

Educate citizens on the importance of documenting and preserving media and gathering oral histories and stories from senior members of the community before they are lost.

Train community members, youth, and Extension field faculty on the principles and best practices of digitally archiving media and conducting and recording interviews.

Add to the understanding and enjoyment of Montana’s rich and diverse history by creating new collections for the Montana Memory Project and other organizations.
How can Extension do this?

1. Identify interested communities
2. Identify partners and mobilize volunteers
3. Access to youth and other populations
4. Offer training, technical assistance and materials
Montana Community Story Project
Public Community | Moderated | Community Organizations

Collecting and preserving stories about connections to community in Montana.

INTERVIEWS

Ray Campeau shares childhood memories of the multicultural Butte community
Ray Campeau recalls the Serbian celebration of Mesopust, the coming of the interstate, his family’s heritage, and the round-the-clock hardworking miners in Butte.

QUESTION LISTS
There are no question lists for this community.

MEMBERS
paul.lachapelle
HELPFUL HINTS
for 4-H Genealogy Projects

Advanced Division
Tuesday, April 3 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. EST
Webinar

Finding more than 200 ancestors and digging deeper into the social history of your family can be challenging for even the most seasoned genealogists out there. Whether you’re creating a migration map, a census history, religious biographies, military history timelines, or researching a homestead, finding all available records and resources is the key to finishing your project. Jan James Book, coordinator of genealogy and family history programs at the Indiana Historical Society, will help you through your biggest questions.

Email lauren.james@indianahistory.org with any questions by Monday, March 26, to be covered in the webinar.


THE NATIONAL 4-H HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EUGENE AND MARILENE CLICK
INDIANA HISTORICAL CENTER
455 WEST 10TH STREET  INDIANAPOLIS
WWW.INDIANAHIGHISTORY.ORG

Join the National 4-H Oral History Project

A special opportunity is being created by the National 4-H History Preservation team beginning in the summer of 2012. The 4-H Oral History Project seeks to increase public awareness of the Cooperative Extension Service and the 4-H Youth Program as a part of the 2014 Centennial Year Celebration.
Liberty County

1000+ page historical document digitized and fully searchable posted to Montana Memory Project.

https://mtmemory.org/digital/collection/p15018coll43/id/28671/rec/2
Valley County

Valley County Pioneer Museum

Lewis-Wedum General Store Ledgers
https://mtmemory.org/digital/collection/p16013coll82/search

1915 Valley County Street Scene

Recreation of Main Street – each building will host a QR code that links to a story of the building, oral histories, and memories from local residents.

Valley County

Northeast Montana Veterans Memorial Park

Currently selling bricks with veteran’s names.

4-H youth will interview veterans or families for digital oral history.

Each name will have a QR code – location to be determined.

Possibly do the same with plaques and photos housed at the VFW.
Valley County

Just received a $500 4-H/People Partner Grant

Buy iPad to check out at the museum for visitors without a smart phone & digital recorder for oral histories.

4-H Citizen Trip to Boston/NYC/DC

All youth must complete a two-year teen leadership project – plans to work with them on the two projects.
Butte High School History Club
Combination of shooting sports and participatory living history of the 1860-1900 period.

Began as a Montana 4-H Project, now a National 4-H Project.

It is an existing 4-H Project that Aligns well with the Montana Memory Project.

https://mtmemory.org/digital/custom/home/#/site-content/story-maps
Youth compete in:

Persona Interview – a person from the frontier era the 4-H member has researched and developed with historical fact and authenticity.

Written history exam of the area the competition is taking place.

Marksmanship with 19th century firearms.
Hands-on history through participatory living history has shown to increase interest in community and family history among young people.
Economic & Tourism Development

Download the free izi.TRAVEL app

https://izi.travel/en

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJtp-cO7AXM&feature=youtu.be

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