



Local History Room Mission and Collection Development Guidelines

MISSION

The Dodgeville Public Library Local History Collection preserves, organizes, and makes available materials that tell the story of the City of Dodgeville and Iowa County from its earliest history to the present day. Community members, researchers, genealogists, and others are welcome to use materials in this non-circulating collection to learn about the history and development of our communities and people.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

The Dodgeville Public Library Local History Collection includes a range of material types (documents, books and other print materials, photographs, maps, etc.) that provide information on Dodgeville area.

These include:

- Newspapers, clippings, and publications of local significance;
- Family and oral histories, letters, diaries, and scrapbooks;
- Records of farms, businesses, and civic and community organizations;
- Photographs and other visual or audio media; and
- Maps, land records, architectural and engineering drawings, and information on homes and homesteads

Excluded are:

- Artifacts, realia and other memorabilia. The Iowa County Historical Society may have an interest in these materials.
- Legal records of Iowa County generally. These are held at the County level.
- Items that exhibit mold, mildew, or other deterioration that may pose health risks or contamination of other materials

Items not matching DPL's Local History Collection guidelines, whether gifts or currently held, will be offered to appropriate agencies such as Iowa County Historical Society, Iowa County Courthouse, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, or other appropriate entities. If not accepted by another agency, these items will be disposed of in accordance with the library's standard weeding guidelines.

Dodgeville Public Library welcomes gifts that add to a growing knowledge of our area's history and development.