

Meridian History Center Logistics

www.mld.org/history

Phone: 208-888-4451 ext. 1023

Email: history@mld.org

Open 10am-4pm Monday-Friday for self-guided visits.

- The History Center doors will automatically unlock at 10am and lock at 4pm Monday through Friday.
- Meridian Library Digitization Technicians may be working on projects in the office during some of those hours but the display space is unstaffed.
 Please refer to the FAQs for specific questions and provide contact information for anything further.
- Please help us out if you can, especially on Fridays!
 - The light switch is on the east wall, near the creamery display.
 - 10am M-F: the light should be ON in the display space
 - 4pm M-F: please turn the light OFF just before the door locks, and check that the doors are both closed completely at 4pm.
 - If you notice anything amiss any time of the day, please let us know!
 Call 208-888-4451 ext. 1023 to leave a voicemail or email history@mld.org.



Meridian History Center FAQs

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What are the hours of the Meridian History Center?

The exhibit space is open from 10am-4pm Monday through Friday for self-guided visitation. We will soon have interpretive panels installed to provide more historical context for the objects you see on display.

Can I schedule a tour of the Meridian History Center?

We do not currently offer guided tours and invite you to visit the exhibits any time during our open hours.

Is this the Meridian Historical Society? Does Lila Hill still work here?

After decades of serving the community as the leader of the Meridian Historical Society, Lila has retired and the collection has been transferred to the Meridian Library District. Let us know how we can help you!

How do I donate historical items to the collection?

Meridian Library District is accepting donations of materials related specifically to the history of Meridian and its surrounding area. Please review our <u>History Materials Collection Development Policy</u> to find out if your items fall within the scope of our collection before contacting us. Call 208-888-4451 ext. 1023 or email history@mld.org to connect with our staff regarding your donation.

Do you offer help with genealogy research?

Meridian Library District staff can help you get started - please fill out the <u>Book a Librarian form</u> online or give us a call at 208-888-4451ext. 1023 to set up an appointment.

Can I come in and do Meridian history research?

We do not have open office hours for individual research at the History Center. Please fill out the <u>Book a Librarian form</u> online, email <u>history@mld.org</u>, or call 208-888-4451 ext. 1023 and we can help you get started.

Can I volunteer at the History Center?

We are working on completing a grant project and we do not currently have open volunteer opportunities at the History Center. Please check back in the new year (2023) or check our website at mld.org/volunteer for posted openings.

Do you have a digital collection?

We are currently working on digitizing much of the collection, funded by a federal SHARP grant administered by the Idaho Humanities Council. Please check back for updates at the end of the year 2022.

I heard the City of Meridian is going to use the space for something else; what will happen then?

The City of Meridian has graciously provided this space until it is needed for City operations but there is no set date for that transition. In 2024 the Meridian Library District will remodel the Cherry Lane location, to include a Meridian History Room. Once complete, we plan to offer quiet research space and assistance, rotating exhibits, and public programming.