

Managing Montana Collections



Webinar Recording

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What Is a Montana Collection?

- This is determined by you and your community
- It is what you make it based on your Collection Development Policy
- Does it need its own location?

Collection Management Considerations

- Cataloging
 - Why have it if you aren't making it discoverable?
- Preservation and Conservation
 - Are you able to perform these actions in-house?
 - Do you have staff or funding for this?
- Digitization and Reformatting
 - And then what? If you keep the originals, you now are managing two collections.
- Storage and Maintenance
 - Do you have space for a separate collection?
- Weeding
 - Do you keep things forever or manage like the rest of your collection?

Presentation Resources

1. [Total Cost of Stewardship](#) (2021) OCLC Resource
2. [What to collect? Building a local history collection at your library](#) (2015) American Libraries Magazine
3. [MTHS Collection Development Policy](#)

Links from Chat

- MHS Research Webpage <https://mhs.mt.gov/Research/>
- Acquisition Application <https://mhs.mt.gov/Research/PotentialAcquisitions>
- MHS Digitized Montana Newspapers <https://mths.mt.gov/Research/collections/newspapers/mtnews>
- MLN Program about Oral Histories <https://youtu.be/0FZLh2M1xKc?feature=shared>
- Newspaper Webinar <https://youtu.be/iL-SaPa9eZk?feature=shared>
- Enhanced Records <https://youtu.be/iL-SaPa9eZk?feature=shared>
- KnowledgeBase and Submit a Ticket https://msl.mt.gov/libraries/library_services_support
- Brand Registrations <https://www.mtmemory.org/nodes/view/12937>

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