



WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Winnebago Area Local History Collection

The Winnebago Area Local History Collection is owned and maintained by the Winnebago Community Historical Society and housed at the Winnebago Public Library, 210 N. Elida Street in Winnebago.

The extensive collection of books, photographs, scrapbooks, memorabilia, and clipping files was established at the library in 1990 by Township Historian John D. Rowley. For many years, Winnebago Township owned the collection and assisted with its maintenance. In 2018, the Township transferred ownership of the collection to WCHS.

Following an inventory and reorganization of the book collection, the history room was rededicated in October 2019 as the John D. Rowley Local History Room.

John and his assistants are working to digitize the photographs and memorabilia in the collection and to inventory and cross reference the extensive collection of family and organization files.

Access to the Collection

The John D. Rowley Local History Room is normally open and staffed on Thursdays from 2 pm-4m.

The collection can also be accessed by appointment. Please call the Winnebago Public Library at 815-335-7050 or email wchs61088@gmail.com

Attention, Teachers!

We can provide programming or materials for your classroom. Contact us through the library at 815-335-7050 or through email at wchs61088@gmail.com.

Donations

WCHS welcomes donations of materials related to the Winnebago area for the local history collection. We appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and assess potential contributions. Space considerations may limit our ability to accept certain items. Contact us through the library at 815-335-7050 or through email at wchs61088@gmail.com.

Share Your Memories

We would love to videotape you as you share your Winnebago area memories. If you are interested, contact us through the library at 815-335-7050 or by email at wchs61088@gmail.com.

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