

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

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The Winnebago Area History Collection has been housed in the Winnebago Public Library since 1988. Originally owned by the Winnebago Township, the collection was transferred to the Winnebago Community Historical Society in 2018. The collection is a separate entity, owned by the Winnebago Community Historical Society and represented by the Winnebago Community Historical Society Board. Its purpose is to make the local history information available to residents of the Winnebago community and other interested parties.

The library agrees to provide continued use of a dedicated room for housing the collection and will allow use of the copier for collection needs at no cost. The library will also include information about the Winnebago Area History Collection on its website and direct potential users to the town historian and/or the history collection assistant. The collection curator has responsibility for all matters related to the collection and associated collection purchases.

The local history collection will remain locked when not in use and will be accessible by appointment with the historian or a designated assistant. All materials housed in the history room are the property of the Winnebago Community Historical Society and are intended for internal use only. By contrast, materials available on the library floor, including reference materials, are the property of the Winnebago Public Library. Any exceptions to this will be documented in a list maintained by the library director.

Both the board of trustees and the Winnebago Community Historical Society agree to provide general support to the local history room and to collaborate on grant applications and related initiatives. Should the board of trustees discontinue this agreement, responsibility for housing the collection will revert solely to the Winnebago Community Historical Society Board.