

History Resources

Northwest Regional Library System Resources

Books:

Located at any of the libraries in the Northwest Regional Library System. To find books, access our online catalog at www.nwrls.com → Click on Catalog in the top right.

- Type a subject or title in the search bar and select Search. Customize your search on the left (example- Under Collection select Juv Nonfiction).

Local History Rooms:

Located at Bay County Public Library and Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library. www.nwrls.com/local-history/

- Artifacts. Yearbooks. City directories. Maps. Photographs. Newspapers. Genealogy. (Collection varies depending on location).

Local History Photographs:

Northwest Regional Library System's Online Catalog

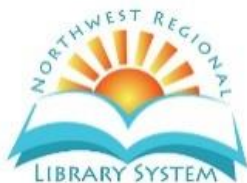
- www.nwrls.com → Click on Catalog in the top right.
- Type a name or subject into the search box. Customize your search on the left (Under Collection select Photos).
- To see a larger image, click on a result and under Electronic Resources select "Click here for full-size image."
- For information on purchasing copies of photographs, visit www.nwrls.com/local-history/

Also...

Ask a librarian for help!

Databases:

To access these: www.nwrls.com → Books & Research → Databases
Some of these databases require a valid Northwest Regional Library System library card to log in. Some can only be accessed on library premises.



Bay County Public Library
898 West 11th St • Panama City, FL 32401
(850) 522-2100
www.nwrls.com



Examples of databases.

- Florida Electronic Library: Resources for Florida citizens.
- Access Newspaper Archive: Southeast newspapers dating centuries back.
- Black Freedom ProQuest: Primary sources with a focus on African American history.
- Gale Cengage Learning: Journal and newspaper articles by subject database.

Talk to your school media specialist about accessing databases through your school!

Online Resources

National History Day website (History Fair theme, resources, citing info):
www.nhd.org

Local History:

1. FL Hidden Treasures: <https://flhiddentreasures.com/>
2. Historical Society of Bay County: <https://www.baycohistory.org/>

Florida History:

1. Florida Memory: <https://www.floridamemory.com/>
2. Florida Digital Newspaper Library: <https://www.newspapers.uflib.ufl.edu/>
3. University of Florida Digital Collections: <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/>
4. The PALMM Collections: <https://palmm.digital.flvc.org>
5. Florida Historical Society: <https://myfloridahistory.org/>
6. Sunshine State Digital Network: <https://ssdn.dp.la/>

General History:

1. Library of Congress Digital Collections: <https://www.loc.gov/collections>
2. Primary Documents in American History:
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/index.html>
3. Research Guides by Library of Congress:
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/index.html>
4. National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/>

5. State Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/projects/digital-resources>
6. Milestone Documents: <https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/list>
7. Digital Public Library of America: <https://dp.la/>
8. JSTOR Journals, Books, Images: <https://about.jstor.org/oa-and-free/>
9. University of Houston U.S. Digital History: <https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>
10. The American Presidency Project – Inaugural Addresses, Executive Orders, etc. <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents>
11. Harvard Digital Collections: <https://library.harvard.edu/collections/explore-collections>
12. The New York Public Library Digital Collections: <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/>
13. American Rhetoric Speeches: <https://www.americanrhetoric.com/>
14. World History Encyclopedia: <https://www.worldhistory.org/>
15. PBS Learning Media: <https://florida.pbslearningmedia.org/student/>
16. Asia for Educators: <https://afe.easia.columbia.edu/>
17. Indian Ocean in World History: <https://www.indianoceanhistory.org/>
18. Smithsonian Learning Lab: <https://learninglab.si.edu/>
19. Google Arts & Culture: <https://artsandculture.google.com/>

Primary Sources – Provides firsthand evidence of events, objects, people, etc. They were created at the time of the event being studied. Examples include photos, newspapers, video/audio recordings, diaries, letters, art.

Secondary Sources – Produced after the event being studied and retell, interpret, or analyze the event. Examples include encyclopedias and history textbooks.

Citing Sources Guide: <https://owl.purdue.edu/>

Also, try **www.askalibrarian.org** to chat with a librarian online! (This is a Florida statewide service).