



Monday Morning Eye-Opener April 9, 2018

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Good Morning! April 9, 2018

View Iowa Libraries *Through the Years*

New from Iowa Heritage Digital Collections

Take a trip down memory lane and see what Iowa libraries looked like in decades gone by in a new collection from the State Library's Iowa Heritage Digital Collections. In celebration of National Library Week, the State Library is officially presenting [Iowa Public Libraries Through the Years](#), an assortment of photographs of Iowa libraries from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s.



The 232 images in the collection capture moments before computer stations and maker spaces, when card catalogs dominated the furnishings. These were the times when the thump of a stamp or a “Shhh!” was more likely to be heard than the electronic beep of an automated checkout system. The black and white images depict stately buildings of brick and stone with classic cars parked street side. Some show librarians at work, setting up a display table or seated behind a stack of books ready to be checked in. Others show events and meetings with women dressed in pillbox hats and heels and men wearing three-piece suits to celebrate the new library addition.



The pictures were discovered at the State Library when staff began cleaning out a file cabinet of old photographs and multimedia. The purpose of the photographs is not known, but it may have been to compile a sort of directory, or they could have been taken by State Library administrative staff on their visits to libraries around Iowa. Many show special events such as ribbon cuttings and district meetings.



Share Away!

Feel free to share any of the images in the collection on social media! Please tag the State Library of Iowa on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) and use the hashtag **#IowaLibrariesThroughtheYears**.

Submit Your Library's Images

The State Library hopes to use this collection as a springboard to gather images of more Iowa libraries, historical or current, to be included in the collection.

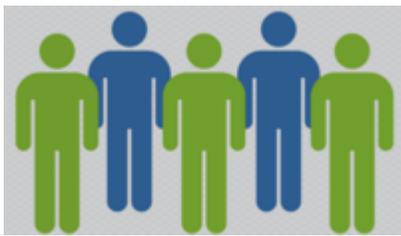
If you would like to contribute images to the collection, please email the images as attachments to Amy Rollinger at amy.rollinger@iowa.gov. Please include the location, name of the library, and year the photo was taken (if known).

[View the Collection](#)

About Iowa Heritage Digital Collections

[Iowa Heritage Digital Collections](#) is an online repository of Iowa history and culture, maintained by State Library of Iowa, which brings together digital resources of Iowa libraries, museums, historical societies and other cultural institutions to enhance access to and preserve long-term accessibility of these valuable materials.

May C.E. Just Added!



Webinar: 10 Steps to Successful Hiring Tuesday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m.

If your library is facing an employee vacancy, this presentation will give you the groundwork for formulating a solid basis upon which you can establish your search and hire the best candidate.

Anyone involved in the library's hiring process is strongly encouraged to attend this webinar.

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