



While everyone has been stuck at home for the last couple months cleaning out closets, cupboards, garages and sheds, have you come across items of local historical relevance such as photos, scrapbooks, maps or documents to name a few? **We would like you to consider donating them to Milo Library Archives. Contact Joanne Monner by phone @ 403-599-3850 or email help@milolibrary.ca.**

International Archives Week is taking place June 8 – 14. The 2020 Archives Week theme developed by the International Council of Archives is **Empowering Knowledge Societies**.

Archives Society of Alberta feels that the theme is timely and provides an opportunity for archives to connect to the current COVID-19 situation and extend the message to the public that archives today play an integral role in preparing for future archives users. In addition to our role in acquiring records that will help future generations understand this event, archives around the world have supported research and access to archival records during the current pandemic response.

Archives play an integral role in ensuring historic events and experiences are captured and preserved in our holdings for future generations. Archives across this province are being used as a window into the past to look back at past pandemics such as the Spanish Flu of 1918 and similarly, future archives users will want to understand the effects and impacts of COVID-19 in Alberta.

1. Archives collect records and facilitate research

Archives play an important role in collecting and caring for records that document the day-to-day events in our societies, and ensure future generations can look back and learn from these records.

2. Your story and records are important

Everyone should gather and consider donating records to their local archives. Every Albertan has a story and can help to add important context and details to the memory of our shared history.

3. The current pandemic is an historic event that future generations will want to look back on

Archives play an important role in ensuring that historic events are well documented from various perspectives and experiences. Capturing the present is especially important now as we are experiencing this historical moment together and in our own unique ways. Everyone can contribute to how it is remembered by donating.

4. Learn more about archival record donation programs in archives around Alberta

Reach out to your local archives before you dispose of records. Records such as photos, journals, written correspondence, maps, videos, sound recordings, scrapbooks all provide valuable insight and understanding of the past.

5. Consider the archives now and in the future

Archives acquisition and research are ongoing, and will be for generations to come. Archives are a resource for you and will be a resource for future generations.