

Historic Newspaper Digitization Project

Bacon Memorial District Library has nearly 133 years of Wyandotte newspapers on rolls of microfilm beginning in 1880 to the present day. This wealth of information is accessible to the public by using our microfilm reader/printers, however searching can be time consuming and requires a visit to the library. We are excited to announce a new initiative to digitize these rolls of microfilm and make them available online, for free, to anyone with an internet connection. Additionally, the newspapers will be keyword searchable, enabling users to find all mentions of a particular name or term with one simple search.

However, this access does involve considerable expense. We are offering the community an opportunity to assist in this endeavor. For \$75.00 you can sponsor the digitization of a roll of microfilm.

Commemorate the birth date of someone special, an anniversary, an event, or just a period in history that piques your interest, and make it available to the world. All donations to the project of \$50.00 or more will be recognized on a donor plaque in our local history room.

The Downriver Genealogical Society has plans to digitize the News Herald from 1943 through 2003. To avoid duplication of effort, we plan to begin our project by focusing on the years from 1880-1943 and 2004 to the present day.

The value of making these newspapers available online is monumental. Historic newspapers offer an abundance of data about civic, political, cultural and social events of the period they document. Not only will residents be able to access obituaries of their ancestors, researchers be able to trace small town political developments, curious students be able to travel back in time, but Wyandotte and the surrounding Downriver community's profile will be raised throughout the world. Opportunities to link to depositories of information such as the Library of Congress's Chronicling America Project abound.

If you have questions about the project or would like to make a tax deductible donation, please contact Laura Gramlich or Jakki Malnar at 734-246-8357 or fill out the form below.

Digitize Historic Newspaper Project Donation Form

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In Memory/Honor of: _____

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