

RULES FOR PATRONS

No food or drink is permitted in this area

Please properly wash and dry hands before handling any records and consider using provided gloves

Please keep drawers and cabinets closed when not in use

IF YOU WISH TO ACCESS THE COLLECTION, PLEASE INFORM A STAFF MEMBER

Library Hours:

TUESDAY:
10AM-7PM

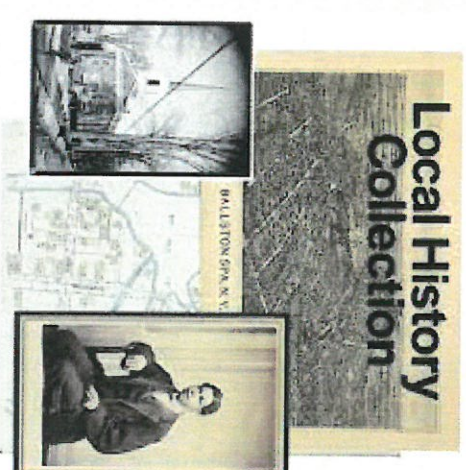
WEDNESDAY AND
FRIDAY
10AM - 5PM

THURSDAY
10AM-8PM

SATURDAY
10AM-3PM

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 Ballston Spa
Public Library

HOW-TO
GUIDE TO THE
LOCAL
HISTORY
COLLECTION

LOCATED IN THE
LOWER LEVEL OF THE
LIBRARY

THE BALLSTON JOURNAL

Initially founded as a weekly print newspaper in 1798, the Ballston Journal was the cornerstone of the area's societal news, dedicating its pages to sharing all of the happenings of the area. While it has since become an online-only publication, we have records of each publication between 1847 and 2012 stored on microfilm.

Patrons wishing to view these records are encouraged to use our ALOS film-reader or ask a staff member for help!

We also have a selection of clipped articles from the Journal that our librarians have organized by subject, so if you're looking for information related to a specific place or event, we've got your back!

THE MANZER COLLECTION

The absolute pride of our local history section is the life's work of Dr. Bruce M. Manzer, who generously donated over one thousand books, articles, artworks, and other materials. They cover every aspect of our county's history and a quick browse is all you need to discover something amazing!

CHRIS MORLEY COLLECTION (LOCATED UPSTAIRS)

This curated collection contains records for the Ballston Spa Village Cemetery, as well as well-preserved newspaper articles and pamphlets relating to particular aspects of Ballston Spa's culture and history.

Familial History

This part of our collection includes two types of materials:

1. Genealogies are binders compiled by patrons tracing back their lineage through generations - often, they will briefly remark on the lives of individual members, and put them within the context of the family as a whole.

2. The Family Histories are less formal composites of clippings related to particular families - they are generally a few columns cut and pasted onto card stock as a means of preserving those major family events worthy of making it into print.

Lists of the families with genealogies and/or histories are available on our website.