

## Making an Appointment

- Materials inside the Betty & Arthur Anderson Local History Archives Room at NSLD/Loves Park and the Local History Room at NSLD/Roscoe are accessible by appointment with the Local History Librarian.
- If you know what materials you would like to view or have a specific subject/topic, contact the Local History Librarian or Reference Services, and they will locate those materials for you if they are available. Materials may be viewed in the Archives Room or at the Reference Services desk depending on the condition of the items.
- Any copies or scans needed will be made by a staff member when you are finished viewing the materials.
- The first 5 black and white pages are free and \$.15 after that. All color copies are \$.25.
- Scans made to an email or flash drive are free of charge.

### Contact for an appointment:

[localhistory@northsld.org](mailto:localhistory@northsld.org)

OR

Reference Services 815-633-4247

## NSLD/Loves Park Local History Archives Collection

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## NSLD/Roscoe Local History Archives Collection

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Visit the NSLD website for  
more local history resources:  
[www.northsuburbanlibrary.org](http://www.northsuburbanlibrary.org)



## Local History Resources



Loves Park Fire Truck

## What is Local History?

Local History is the study of the people, places, and events of a defined geographical area. NSLD collects and preserves primary sources in various formats that are of historical significance to the Loves Park, Machesney Park, Argyle, Harlem, and Roscoe communities.

## What is available?

### General Collections

General materials are available in the non-fiction circulating collection. These resources are available whenever the library is open and can be checked out.

- **Books:** Winnebago County History 977.331; Genealogy 929.1
- **Magazines:** *Family Tree Magazine* and *Illinois Heritage*.
- **Oral History Project**  
The NSLD Oral History Project consists of interviews from community members who shared their memories of living in the Roscoe, Machesney Park, Harlem, and Loves Park area. DVDs of these interviews are available at both locations.

### Special Archives Collections

- Special collections are available to view with an appointment at both NSLD locations.
- There are a variety of different resources in these collections including photographs, family and organizational histories, correspondence, and other related materials.
- A list of collections and materials is available upon request.

## Reference Collections

Reference materials may be used without assistance whenever the library is open. Reference materials are Library Use Only and cannot be checked out. You may photocopy for a small fee or scan to an email or flash drive for free.

- **Books:**  
City directories, plat maps, atlases, and other historical books are located outside the Archives Room.
- **Newspaper Collections**  
These are physically available at both NSLD locations.  
*The Post Journal:* (1947-Present) Digitally available on our website.  
*The Herald:* (1999– Present) Paper copies are available in our NSLD/Roscoe collection. The Talcott Free Library in Rockton has copies on microfilm from 1877-1922 and online on their website.
- **Yearbook Collections**  
These are physically available at both NSLD locations.  
Harlem High School (1932– Present) is available at NSLD/Loves Park.  
Hononegah High School (1988– Present) is available at NSLD/Roscoe.

## Online Resources

Online resources are available through northsuburbanlibrary.org under the “Digital Collection—Genealogy” tab.

### **Ancestry Library Edition**

- Federal census records, 1790-1950.
- City directories and wills and probate records.
- *This is a database available for in-library use only.*

### **HeritageQuest Online Database**

- Freedman’s Bank Records (1865-1874).
- Revolutionary War Pension Files.
- *NSLD library card and PIN required for at-home access.*

### **The Post Journal 1947-Present**

Digitized issues of the *Post Journal* and *Monday Morning Mail* are available through the NSLD website. These issues cover the Loves Park and Machesney Park communities. *No library card or PIN needed to access.*

### **Rockford Register Star 1999– Present**

Find text-only articles from the *Rockford Register Star* newspaper from 1999-present and articles with pictures from November 2018-present. *NSLD library card and PIN required for at-home access.*

### **Illinois Digital Archive Website**

Collections of historical photographs are available at [www.idaillinois.org](http://www.idaillinois.org). Many Illinois libraries and historical organizations contribute to this online database including NSLD. *Many of the images in the NSLD collection are available physically in the Local History collections.*

