

Local History

1. Objectives

Providing access to the historical past of St. Marys and area is an important function of the Library. Works by and about local authors are acquired if they meet the selection standards of the Collection Development policy of the Library.

The Library and the St. Marys Museum work collaboratively in providing access to local history with the Library primarily providing books, databases and services such as interlibrary loans, and the Museum primarily providing books, a large body of genealogical information and making historical local newspaper and other local records available.

1.1. Definitions

“Library” shall mean The St. Marys Public Library

“Board” shall mean the Library Board of the St. Marys Public Library

“CEO” shall mean the Chief Executive Officer of the St. Marys Public Library

2. Criteria for Collection

The CEO maintains communication with local history and heritage organizations to assess changing needs. The Local History collection is maintained to cover:

- St. Marys and surrounding area from the earliest period to the present.
- All subjects pertaining to local history.
- Print primarily but also in other formats as shall become appropriate to the needs of the community and changes in the availability of resources.

3. Usage

While some material may be limited to use in the Library, most is available for circulation as with other material.

4. Collection Management

At any time that items are considered for removal from the local history collection, the Library will offer such items to local museums, libraries and heritage organizations.

History

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