



Branford History Collection

The James Blackstone Memorial Library works in cooperation with the Branford Historical Society and other local organizations to collect, preserve, and make available to the public, materials documenting the history of the Library and the Town of Branford.

The Branford History Collection includes materials about the history of the Blackstone Library and the Town of Branford and to a certain extent, the Town of North Branford as it relates to early Branford History.

Selection and deaccession of materials in the Branford History Collection will follow the guidelines set forth in the Library's Collection Development policy. Gifts to the collection will be reviewed in accordance with the Library's Gift Policy.

Use and Access

Researchers must check in with the Reference staff and provide a valid photo I.D. before using any materials from the Local History Room.

In order to maintain the safety and integrity of the collection, access and review of collection materials will be supervised by library staff. Unsupervised access and review of collection materials may be granted at the discretion of the Head of Reference or the Library Director. All Branford History Collection materials must be used within the library; the Head of Reference or the Library Director may, in rare instances, permit overnight borrowing of certain items.

Special care should be taken when handling materials of the Branford History Collection, particularly those that are especially fragile.

Food and drink (including water) are not permitted under any circumstances when viewing materials. Patrons viewing the materials from the Local History Room must use pencil (no pens) and loose paper for notetaking; laptops, tablets, and other mobile devices are permitted. Photocopying/photographing is generally allowed except in cases when it is expressly prohibited by the owner of the collection, or would cause damage to materials.

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