History Resources

Northwest Regional Library System Resources

Books:

Located at any of the libraries in the Northwest Regional Library System. To find books, access our online catalog at www.nwrls.com → Click on catalog in the top right.

- Type a subject or title in the search bar and click Search. Customize your search on the left (example- Under collection click Juv Nonfiction).

Local History Room:

Located at Bay County Public Library.   www.nwrls.com/local-history/

- Vertical files containing newspaper clippings, information on people, the military, etc. Yearbooks. City directories (1935-current). Artifacts. News Herald microfilm (1935-2018), more recent digital copies can be accessed by Local History staff and at Florida Digital Newspaper Library. https://www.newspapers.uflib.ufl.edu/

Local History Photographs:

Northwest Regional Library System's Online Catalog

- www.nwrls.com → Click on catalog in the top right.
- Type a name or subject into the search box. Add the word graphic to the end and click Search.
- To see a larger image, click on a result and under Electronic Resources select "Click here for full-size image."
- For information on purchasing copies of photographs, visit www.nwrls.com/local-history/
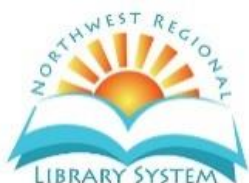
Also…..

Ask a librarian in Youth Services, Adult Services, or in the Local History Room for help!

Databases

Northwest Regional Library System Databases

To access these: www.nwrls.com → Books & Research → Databases
Most of these databases require a valid Northwest Regional Library System library card to log in. Some can only be accessed on library premises.

Bay County Public Library
898 West 11th St • Panama City, FL 32401
(850) 522-2100
www.nwrls.com

NWRLS Databases cont.

Examples of databases.

- Florida Electronic Library: Resources for Florida citizens.
- Access Newspaper Archive: U.S. and International articles dating back to 1600s.
- Black Freedom ProQuest: Primary sources with a focus on African American history.
- Gale Cengage Learning: Databases by subject, including U.S. and world history.
- Heritage Quest Online: Census records. Revolutionary War records. Freedman's Bank records.

Talk to your school media specialist about accessing databases through your school!

Online Resources

National History Day website (History Fair theme, resources, citing info): www.nhd.org

Local History:

1. FL Hidden Treasures: https://flhiddentreasures.com/

2. Historical Society of Bay County: https://www.baycohistory.org/

Florida History:

1. Florida Memory Project: https://www.floridamemory.com/

2. University of Florida Digital Collections: https://ufdc.ufl.edu/

3. The PALMM Collections: https://palmm.digital.flvc.org

4. Florida Historical Society: https://myfloridahistory.org/

5. Sunshine State Digital Network: https://ssdn.dp.la/

General History:

1. Library of Congress Digital Collections: https://www.loc.gov/collections

2. Primary Documents in American History: https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/index.html

3. American Memory - African American Odyssey: https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaohtml/aohome.html

4. Web Guides by Library of Congress: https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/index.html

5. National Archives: https://www.archives.gov/

6. State Archives: https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/projects/digital-resources

7. Milestone Documents: https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/list

8. Digital Public Library of America: https://dp.la/

9. University of Houston U.S. Digital History: https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/

10. The American Presidency Project – Inaugural Addresses, Executive Orders, etc. https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents

11. Harvard Digital Collections: https://library.harvard.edu/collections/explore-collections

12. The New York Public Library Digital Collections: https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/

13. American Rhetoric Speeches: https://www.americanrhetoric.com/top100speechesall.html

14. World History Encyclopedia: https://www.worldhistory.org/

15. PBS Learning Media – History: https://florida.pbslearningmedia.org/student/

16. Asia for Educators: https://afe.easia.columbia.edu/

17. Indian Ocean in World History: https://www.indianoceanhistory.org/

18. Smithsonian Learning Lab: https://learninglab.si.edu/

19. Google Arts & Culture: https://artsandculture.google.com/

Primary Sources – Provides firsthand evidence of events, objects, people, etc. They were created at the time of the event being studied. Examples include photos, newspapers, video/audio recordings, diaries, letters, art.

Secondary Sources – Produced after the event being studied and retell, interpret, or analyze the event. Examples include encyclopedias and history textbooks.

Citing Sources Guide: https://owl.purdue.edu/

Also, try **www.askalibrarian.org** to chat with a librarian online! (This is a Florida statewide service).