



Local History Collection

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RESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY

The Local History collection at the McLaughlin Branch contains unique resources for researching, including:

- History of the Durham Region communities
- Information on researching your property or building history
- History of local businesses and organizations
- Local family histories

All items from the Local History collection must be used in the Library, although some items may also be available in the borrowing collection. Please ask staff for more details.

Books

The Local History book collection covers a wide range of local interests, including community histories, personal memoirs, service club retrospectives, scrapbooks, and municipal documents.

Selected titles:

- *Historical Oshawa* 971.356 HIS
- *Lakefront Memories: Reminiscences of the Oshawa Harbour* 971.356 LAK
- *Pictorial Oshawa, Volumes 1-3* 971.35600222 PIC

- *Stories from the Homefront: Oshawa During the Second World War* 971.35603 STO
- *The War Years in the Oshawa Region* 971.35603 WAR

Directories

Oshawa telephone directories, 1938 – present, and Vernon’s City Directories, 1921 – 2001

- Look up an address to see who lived there, or look up a name to find out where and individual lived and worked
- The 4 earliest versions of Vernon’s are available online at: localhistory.oshawalibrary.ca
- Selection of local country directories from the mid- to late-1800s are available in the Library

Historical Atlases

We have a large collection of illustrated historical atlases for all Ontario counties from the late 1870s.

Newspaper Collection on Microfilm

Our microfilm collection covers Oshawa papers, with some exceptions, back to 1862.

- Ontario Reformer

- Oshawa Daily Reformer
- Oshawa Daily Times
- Oshawa Independent
- Oshawa This Week
- Oshawa Times
- Oshawa Vindicator

Check out our Newspaper Index online at:
news.ourontario.ca/oshawa

Pamphlet Files

Ephemera of local businesses, schools, churches, and organizations.

Examples of holdings:

- *90 Years of Curling in Oshawa: 1882-1972* PAM 796.960971356 LIN
- *How Your GM Car is Made: At General Motors, Oshawa* PAM 629.23 HOW
- *Oshawa Little Theatre: First Season, 1928-1929* PAM 792.9 OSH

Photograph Collection

We maintain a growing photograph collection of historical events, places, and people of Oshawa.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Internet Resources

Oshawa Full-Text Archive

Get a glimpse of Oshawa's past through these scanned local history books and pamphlets:
localhistory.oshawalibrary.ca

Oshawa Images

Explore Oshawa's history through pictures:
images.ourontario.ca/oshawa

Oshawa Obituary and Newspaper Index

A useful index helpful in locating birth, death, and marriage notices and articles from local papers in our microfilm collection:
news.ourontario.ca/oshawa

Oshawa Book of Remembrance

More than 120 photographs and short biographies of soldiers from the Oshawa area who fought in WWI and WWII:
remembrance.oshawalibrary.ca

McLaughlin: Remembering the Legacy

More than 250 original photographs of Oshawa's McLaughlin family:
legacy.oshawalibrary.ca

Online Books

More than 30 books from our Local History collection have been digitized and are available online:
localhistory.oshawalibrary.ca

Before you throw it out...

If you have any books, papers, or local family histories that the Library could use in our collection, please contact us. If you have photographs you'd like us to have in our collection, we can arrange to scan your originals and return them to you.

Access

Access to original materials in our Local History is through the Information Services Department at the McLaughlin Branch or by appointment with Laura McEwan, lmcewan@oshawalibrary.on.ca.