

**Category:** Public Service  
**Policy Number:** 6-8  
**Policy Name:** Local History

**Purpose:**

To describe the assumptions that underlie the delivery of Local History services.

**Policy:**

Waterloo Public Library develops and maintains a Local History collection that is a separately housed, non-circulating, research collection consisting of works relating to the historical, cultural, socio-economic, and geographic composition of the City of Waterloo, and to a lesser extent the Region of Waterloo.

Emphasis is placed on collecting primary and secondary materials on the history of Waterloo as it has evolved from a village to a city. Acquisitions are made at the discretion of the Manager of Local History (or at the discretion of the Library).

Materials acquired by the Library for its Local History Collection shall become the permanent property of the Library, until such time as the Library deems it no longer relevant to the collection, in which case the material may be donated to another collection, sold, or discarded. The Library will only accept material on a permanent basis, except when borrowing material for short-term loans to reproduce or to include in displays or exhibits.

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