National History Day

2017-2018
Conflict & Compromise in History
Finding things

- With the Library Catalog
- With Library Databases and Online Searching
Library Catalog searching
Browse or search?
38 Public libraries in 7 counties = WRLS

Winding Rivers Library System

The Winding Rivers Library System serves libraries in Buffalo, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties in west central Wisconsin.
WRLSWEB Catalog = 32 libraries
Location, location, location

- Wisconsin
- La Crosse
- Main Street
- 800

- La Crosse-Main
- Nonfiction
- 973.917
- F327N
Basic Search

- Search = your topic
- WRLSWEB catalog
Search for Primary sources

Search = Your topic +
- Primary sources
- Oral history
- Speeches
- Documents
- Interviews
- Photographs
- Correspondence
- Memoirs
- Personal narratives
- WRLSWEB catalog
Not in the catalog?

- Go to your closest public library
- Ask for an “interlibrary loan”
- Pick it up there
- Use it
- Return it there
Library Databases
Better online searching

Instead of starting here . . . Start here . . .
National History Day is an exciting academic enrichment program that helps students learn about
RESEARCH & PRIMARY SOURCES

Primary sources are the foundation of an outstanding NHD project. Try this website if you need help understanding primary sources. You can find print primary sources by searching our catalog with the words [primary source] + letters, diaries, journals, speeches, correspondence, and interviews. Books with primary source material are clearly marked with yellow tape that says "Primary Source."

The following resources are paid for and available to La Crosse city residents who have a valid library card.

- American National Biography
- New York Times Historical
- Reader's Guide Retrospective (This is an index to older articles in magazines. You will not find actual articles in this resource.)

The following resources are available to all State of Wisconsin residents who have a valid library card.

- History Reference Center
- Military and Government Collection
- Newspaper Archive
- Explora for Middle & High Schools

There is a wealth of primary source material to be found online. These resources are all free on the internet.

- World history primary source documents
- Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) is a vast national digital library of materials from the Library of Congress, Internet Archive, universities, and countless other sources
- United States primary sources from the National Archives
- Recollection Wisconsin is a treasury of primary source material from across the state of Wisconsin including materials from the La Crosse area
- Wisconsin Historical Society

For students working on local history projects, you can browse or search for primary sources on local topics on the Archives Collections page and at La Crosse History Unbound.

If you are unable to find materials locally, you can request books or other materials through Interlibrary Loan.
Examples
La Crosse Public Library