

September 2026 Report

Special Collections

- Assisted patrons and responded to phone / email research inquiries
- Processed collections
- Continued obituary project
- Continued digitization project: Houses
- Continued St. Paul Lutheran Record books transcribing/indexing
- Volunteer transcribing schooner logbooks
- Golling House guest register transcription
- Museum Collections mtg
- Continued Wilderness Chronicle indexing
- Developing Cemetery Walk for October
- Gathered materials for display case

Displays / Programs:

"Negative & Positive Image Formats housed in the Archives" featuring the following Collections: R.S. Scott Engineering, Chamber of Commerce, Monaghan, VanNocker, Ezzell, Niblett, Stone, Alpena News, Audio-Visual, Connelly (Hennigar), Ann Taber, & Kujawa. Represented are glass plate negatives in various sizes, cellulose acetate & polyester negatives in various sizes, slides in 2 sizes, and 8mm & 16mm movie reels. Printed photographs are displayed with each example. {display case}

Sources & topics researched:

- House & Business research (numerous)
- Vessel Database & physical files (numerous)
- Obituaries (numerous)
- Ancestry Library Edition (database)
- Newspapers.com (database)
- American Ancestors (database)
- City Directories
- Vital Records – Alpena County
- Alpena News Collection
- Family Search (database)
- Fold3.com (military database)
- Russ Franzen Great Lakes music CDs
- Windjammers – songs of Great Lakes Sailors
- Star songs and water spirits: a Great Lakes native reader
- Lake rhymes: folk songs of the Great Lakes region: a songbook and study guide with an 18-song companion CD
- Kavanaugh Fishery/Alcona Fish Co.
- Hubbard Lake railroads/trams

- Diem's Resort – Fletcher Pond
- Potvin Collection
- Thunder Bay River Watershed Collection
- Plat books
- Carl Henry Diaries
- Fletcher & Gilchrist Collections
- W.E. Rogers Collection
- Posen history/potato festival
- 1975 Posen vs Au Gres football game
- 1955 Yachting Queen Beatrice Freese / Chamber of Commerce Collection
- Fatal car accident May 1966
- Carl Henry Diaries
- 1977 National Guard plane crash
- Lion's Club history
- Poland genealogy search
- Henry Home on State St
- Voting history in Alpena
- Old Presque Isle Lighthouse keepers
- Tubby's Restaurant, 132 S. 2nd Ave, 1950s-60s
- Alpena Cty Sesquicentennial bk
- Trelfa Collection
- Alpena Postcard Collection
- William Bolton 1848-1921
- Norman Gapske Postcard Collection
- One Room Schoolhouse – Kujawa Collection
- Nellie Hayes Diary
- Besser School
- A Family History

Collections & items donated:

- 1953 AHS yearbook {M. McCormick}
- 1954, '55, '56, '57 AHS yearbooks {anonymous}
- Downtown Alpena picture c1915 [framed copy] {R. Olsen}
- Songs & Poems – Black Hawk Poet Ranger (1929) {D. Budd}
- 8 HPC photos (May 18, 1956) and 1961 AHS class graduates lg framed composite {Besser Museum transfer}
- Churchill Home, 311 S. 2nd Ave, historical research {A. Aten}

September stats:

In person = 79

Emails/Phone calls = 61

Program attendees =

Total = 140