Celebrate Archives Month by Honoring the Accomplishments of an Ohio Archival Institution

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Achievement Award recognizes significant accomplishments in preserving and improving access to historical records, in any format, by an Ohio archival institution.

All Ohio institutions responsible for archival records that provide public access to at least a portion of their collections are eligible. Eligible accomplishments include recent special projects or on-going programs that:

- build significant collections
- implement successful preservation strategies
- enhance access to archives
- develop effective digitization programs

Preference will be given to projects or programs that can be adapted for use by other institutions.

Because the award recognizes institutional achievements, individuals are not eligible. Departments employing members of OHRAB are not eligible, but other departments in their institutions are eligible.

Nominating letters should be no longer than two pages, 12-pt, single spaced, describing the institution’s program/project along with its goals, accomplishments, and significance. Each must include the nominee’s institutional name along with a contact person’s name, mailing and email addresses, and phone number.

Send nominations via email or U.S. mail to:
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Nominations must be received by October 9, 2015.
Self-nominations are encouraged.

Questions? Contact Galen Wilson at galen.wilson@nara.gov or 937-425-0613

Need ideas? Check out the award winners on the other side of this sheet.
Previous OHRAB Archives Achievement Award Winners

2014
Greene County Records Center and Archives for demonstrating diligent efforts in its successful removal of collections from an older building and installation of valuable historical documents into a new archives facility and fostering relationships with other county departments while doing so.

2013
Shaker Heights Public Library for collaborating with the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission on the HistoricShaker.com architectural history collection and tool utilizing thousands of digitized index cards.

2012
Euclid Public Library for building a web-based collection documenting its city's history from multiple perspectives and formats.

Clark County Historical Society for its perseverance and creativity in preserving Ohio's local records.

2011
Licking County Records & Archives Department for rescuing and making available public county records not seen for more than a century and effective management of contemporary records via its Records Keepers' Roundtable.

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County for its investment in a digital services department that has made thousands of rare historical materials available through its Virtual Library.

2010
Cleveland State University Michael Schwartz Library Special Collections Department for its work making resources of Ohio history available to a broader public in its Cleveland Memory Project.

Montgomery County Records Center and Archives for its work in preserving Ohio public history records through a systematic program of compliance with neglected records disposal schedules, environmental improvements and monitoring, and conservation treatment.

Nominees for the Achievement Award represented small towns and large cities; public and private institutions; universities, historical societies, and records centers; and a full range of historic records—maps, photographs, marriage, birth, death, and estate records, and more. Common to all their successes were collaboration, determination, creativity, and a passionate commitment to the preservation and expanded use of Ohio’s historic records. Clearly, Ohio's historic records community is achieving admirable results.

More information on the award and previous winners at http://www.ohrab.org or contact Awards Committee Chair Pari Swift at pari.swift@ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

Could you be a 2015 winner? Turn this page over!