



OHRAB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2026

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. If the nomination includes online collections, please include a link to the website.

Send nominations via email or U.S. mail to:

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Nominations must be received by October 1, 2026.

Self-nominations are encouraged.

Questions? Contact Chris Shaw at cshaw@co.delaware.oh.us or (740) 833-2141



OHRAB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Previous OHRAB Archives Achievement Award Winners

2025

The Williams County Public Library Local History and Genealogy Center for its project to improve access, preserve, and digitize the historical newspapers and photographs of Williams County.

2024

The **Union County Records Center & Archives** for its project to improve access, preserve, and digitize the case files of the Union County Common Pleas Court.

2023

The Bay Village Historical Society for its project to conserve and increase access to the portraits and photographs in its Rose Hill Museum.

2022

The Archives and Special Collections of University Libraries at The University of Akron for its efforts in support of the The University of Akron's sesquicentennial anniversary amidst the upheaval of the pandemic.

2021

The Muskingum County Records Center for its project to scan, index, and make available the historic records of the Muskingum County Clerk of Courts Office.

2020

The Clark County Historical Society for their fortitude in saving the Society's collections from flood damage and for their resulting commitment to teaching others about the necessity of disaster planning and preparedness.

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library for their continuing efforts to preserve their vast architectural records collection and to make it accessible to all through the Architecture of Northwest Ohio digital library.

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 Co-Chair Chris Shaw at cshaw@co.delaware.oh.us