



2026 OHRAB Grant Interim Report

Digitization of Greene County Parks & Trails Slides, Phase 1

In 2026, the Greene County Records Center and Archives received a grant from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board to pursue phase one of digitizing the Greene County Parks & Trails photographic slide collection. The grant partially funded a paid internship dedicated to establishing the procedures and best practices for the digitization project and completing the digitization and metadata creation for the first 3,600 slides of the collection.

Project Director: Mary McKinley, Outreach Archivist

Project Bookkeeper: Jen Haney Conover, Director

Project Staff: Gabby Halcomb, Intern

Project Update:

We estimate that the project is 60% complete as of the writing of this report, and the project is on track to be completed by December 31st. 1,564 images have been digitized and uploaded to our digital repository with detailed item-level metadata. In total, 3,649 slides have been scanned. Over the next 3 months, we expect to finalize the metadata for the remaining 2,085 images and complete the uploads to Preservica. Select images will also be submitted to Ohio Memory to provide additional exposure for the project.

Project Time Report

Intern Gabby Halcomb completed 336 hours on this project. Project Director Mary McKinley completed 48 hours on this project, supervising the project intern and providing quality control of digitized images and metadata. Project bookkeeper Jen Haney Conover completed 8 hours on this project, completing payroll and administration duties, along with additional supervision.

Summary of Expenses

All grant funds have been spent. The internship was completed from May 18th to August 7th, 2026. A total of 336 hours were completed at \$15.00 per hour, for a total of \$5,040, of which \$3,500 was grant-funded and \$1,540 was matching funds. Additional matching funds spent included \$1,385.06 spent on purchasing the Pacific Image PowerSlide X Plus 35 mm Slide Scanner and \$459.63 spent on archival supplies to appropriately rehouse digitized slides. In total so far, \$3,500 of grant funds and \$3,384.69 matching funds have been spent.

Publicity

This project has been publicized through multiple avenues, including social media and traditional press releases. Please see the following examples and press release.

Example Facebook post screenshot:



County records receives grants

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Submitted photo from the Greene County Records Center and Archives

Intern Gabrielle Halcomb sorts through boxes of Greene County Parks & Trails photographic slides in preparation for a digitization project.

XENIA — The Greene County Records Center and Archives announced they received two grants to fund a new purchase and an internship.

The Ohio Local History Alliance Digitization Grant will allow the center to purchase a Pacific Image slide scanner.

The Ohio History Alliance Digitization grant will fund a 336-hour internship to process and digitize the Greene County Parks and Trails photographic slide collection, scanning at least 3,600 images and making them available through the county's digital repository.

Wright State Master of Public History graduate Gabrielle Halcomb will serve as the intern and continue the work she began as a volunteer at the archives.

The slide scanner can scan 50 slides at a time while maintaining high-quality results.

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LOCAL FOCUS

News and events happening in the Springfield area

Amy Burzynski - Staff Writer

May 24, 2026



Kyle Casey, assistant land conversation manager at the Clark County Park District, puts mulch down at a garden at Snyder Park, on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, in Springfield. This was done to prepare for the annual beatification of Springfield and Clark County and for native plants to grow to increase the habitat across the area. JOSEPH COOKE/STAFF

Upcoming events at Clark County Library

All locations of the Clark County Public Library will be closed May 24-25 for the Memorial Day holiday.

- Dust off those bookshelves and bring your gently used books to the Book Swap 6-7:30 p.m. May 28 at the Main Library, 201 S. Fountain Ave., Springfield.
- Learn about state flowers during History Rocks 1 p.m. May 28 at Enon Branch, 209 E. Main St., Enon. Register for the event presented by the Nation Trail Parks and Recreation at ntprd.org
 - Celebrate Route 66 and 100 years of Americana with music by the Victor Sam Duo 2 p.m. May 31 in the Gaier Room, 201 S. Fountain Ave., Springfield.
 - Stop in for Cave Painting on June 1 taking place throughout the day for all ages at the Houston Branch, 5 W. Jamestown St., S caveman props.



- Help kick off Summer Challenge at a launch party from 3-7 p.m. June 1 at Park Branch, 1119 N. Bechtle Ave., Springfield. There will be games and activities for all ages.

To keep up with the latest events throughout the library system, visit ccploho.org.

Constitution scroll on tour May 29 in Springfield

We The People Tour of Ohio is statewide art and civic engagement initiative bringing an enormous hand-painted replica of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution to communities across Ohio, this month. Come add your name to the scroll and join thousands of people from across the country whose signatures will travel to Washington, D.C., on July 4, where nearly 700 feet of artwork will be assembled and displayed.

The event will be from 4-7 p.m. May 29 at City Hall Plaza, 76 E. High St., Springfield. The gathering will have speakers, photo ops, kids' activities, organization tabling, and more. Rain date is May 30.

The centerpiece of the tour is an 18-foot hand-painted muslin scroll depicting the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, a monumental piece of civic art that already carries the signatures and messages of thousands of people from across the country.

At each stop along the Ohio tour, community members are invited to add their own names. Traveling with the scroll are nearly 120 feet of signable "parchment" sections, and more may be added before the tour concludes. All pieces from across the nation will come together for a culminating display in Washington, D.C., on July 4.

This event is free and open to the public. This is a family-friendly, non-partisan event, and an opportunity for people of all ages to participate, sign the banner and be part of making history.

Support group to meet June 2

Citizens' Circle will meet from 5-6:30 p.m. June 2 at Clark County Dept. of Reentry, 1101 E. High St., Door 3, Springfield. Citizens' Circle is a monthly support group for formerly incarcerated individuals held on the first Tuesday of each month.

This event offers food, community, resources, and connection for formerly incarcerated individuals. Free gas cards or bus passes are available for those who register in advance. To register, call 937-679-6474 or visit clarkcountyohio.gov/764/Citizens-Circle.

Noon-Lite Madness for youth on tap June 3

Noon-Lite Madness, for youth ages 6 months-3 years, will be at 11 a.m. June 3 at the Park District Administration Building, 1301 Mitchell Blvd., Springfield. Noon-Lite Madness invites toddlers to burn off energy in a fun, safe, and playful open play environment.

Little ones can explore age-appropriate equipment, practice movement skills, and enjoy unstructured play alongside their grown-ups. This free drop-in-program is perfect for mid-day wiggles, social time, and active fun.



Registration is required by May 29 and is available online or in person at the Parks Administration Building. For more information, call 937-328-7275.

Safety council to meet June 10

The Springfield-Clark County Safety Council will meet at 7 a.m. June 10 at the Courtyard Marriott Downtown Springfield.

The topic is “Electrical Safety: Preventing Incidents, Accidents, and Fatalities,” presented by Antwan Davis, owner of Davis Safety and Training Consultation.

A \$30 fee is required to be paid at the door and includes a breakfast. Attendees do not have to be a safety council member to attend.

Register as a guest at business.greaterspringfield.com/events.

Heritage Center to host Wizarding Day Camp

The Heritage Center will be hosting Wizarding Day Camp from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 22-26. The camp is open to children ages 7-12. Attendees will embark on a magical week of learning where STEAM, living history, and natural history all meet in a fun, wizarding-themed camp. Each day will bring new experiences, magical visitors, interactive activities, and more.

Registration must be received by June 12. The cost for the week is \$70 for non-members and \$60 for Clark County Historical Society members. Register at heritage.center/events.

Wittenberg launches campaign to paint Myers Hall and renew its iconic cupola

For generations, Myers Hall and its vibrant red color have welcomed thousands to Wittenberg as the University’s cherished centerpiece and first structure. Unfortunately, time has changed Myers Hall’s facade, fading its treasured red color into an orange hue and saddening alumni and friends throughout the years. Intent on changing this course and at the enthusiastic urging of numerous alumni, the university is excited to launch “Restore the Red: The Campaign to Paint Myers Hall.”

Led by Wittenberg’s Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement, the \$250,000 mini campaign will bring new life to Myers’ exterior and bring the building’s iconic cupola back to prominence.

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The Springfield News-Sun publishes news items, community events and other notices in Local Focus. Submit items for consideration of publication by email to sns-local@coxinc.com.

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For immediate release

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"This is an exciting opportunity to preserve a unique collection of historic photos that show how Greene County became a leader in the development of trail networks while expanding our capacity to preserve a unique format," project director and outreach archivist Mary McKinley said.

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About Greene County Records Center and Archives

The Greene County Records Center and Archives is the repository for Greene County's official records of long-term and historical value. Our mission is to advise and assist all county offices with the proper management of records throughout their lifecycle and ensure that they are maintained and legally disposed of pursuant to Ohio's records laws. We also serve the public by protecting, preserving, and providing access to public records that document the history of Greene County. For more information or to find out more about the records we hold, please visit our website at <https://www.greencountyohio.gov/120/Archives>.



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