Public Research Files
The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula maintains a research library that includes a variety of books, as well as various copies of research materials and photographs related to Missoula History.

The research files are available by appointment only during the Museum’s public open hours from Monday—Friday only (unless other arrangements are made).

To make an appointment, contact either Ted Hughes (Curator of Collections) or Matt Lautzenheiser (Director), at least 48 hours in advance of date and time of preferred appointment.

Materials may not leave the research library. Black and white copies can be made for a cost of 10 cents per copy.

Upon arrival, please check in with the front desk at your appointment time and a staff member will show you around the research library.

If you would like to make use of a camera, please notify staff ahead of time.

Research Requests
HMFM staff is always willing to answer questions and to assist in research in person, over the phone, or via email, as long as time allows. However, the Historical Museum maintains a limited staff and the demands of the museum must take precedence over helping researchers.

To ensure staff availability and to speak with staff in person an appointment will be required.

Please contact the appropriate staff member to set a time and date. Walkins may not be immediately assisted or asked to set an appointment for a later date and time.

Research assistance by any staff member is free for the first 30 minutes. After that, a rate of $25.00 will be charged.

Inquiries of Collections Material (Photographs or other archival materials)
HMFM Collections are a wealth of research, but unfortunately, are not available to the general public at this time.
If you are interested in photos or other documents from our collections, please contact Nicole (Curator of Collections)
Please see process to obtain images or documents from the collections below.
Requesting Image or Document Reproductions (Copies or digital scans)
Please send all reproduction requests to Nicole (Curator of Collections).

Please fill out a “Request for Permission to Use Form” clearly stating what images you intend to use and how you intend to use them.

Please view our “Image Reproduction Form” for costs associated with the reproductions or scanning of photographs or documents. Some fees may not apply to all. HMFM holds the rights to determine final cost on a case-by-case basis.

Museum Research Library Hours
(By Appointment ONLY)

Labor Day through Memorial Day
Tuesday – Friday, 12pm – 5pm
Closed Monday

Memorial Day through Labor Day
Monday – Friday, 10am – 5pm

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