



Research Resources

Primary and Secondary Source Repositories In Florida

The following institutions, agencies, and organizations are excellent resources for teachers and students seeking primary and secondary materials.

Bureau of Archaeological Research, Division of Historical Resources

R. A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee 32399-0250

(850) 245-6444; www.flheritage.com/archaeology

The Bureau conducts research, prepares reports, develops programs, and curates the state's collection of artifacts from archaeological sites.

Thomas G. Carpenter Library

University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL 32224-2645

(904) 620-2616; www.unf.edu/library

The collections include nearly 1 million volumes, audiovisual resources, serials, maps, and electronic journals and books as well as 1.3 million microforms.

Florida A&M University Libraries

1500 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32307-4700

(850) 599-3376; www.famu.edu/library

The Coleman Library system houses more than one-half million print and non-print items and serves as a collection place for U.S. government publications.

Florida Association of Museums

P. O. Box 10951, Tallahassee, FL 32302

(850) 222-6028; www.flamuseums.org

The FAM Web site is ideal for locating museums and historical sites in Florida.

Florida Atlantic University Libraries

777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33431-0991

(561) 297-3785; www.library.fau.edu

The FAU libraries include an array of primary and secondary sources, including several special manuscript collections relating to noteworthy individuals.

Florida Folklife Program, Division of Historical Resources

R. A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

(850) 245-6333; <http://www.flheritage.com/preservation/folklife>

The Florida Folklife Program documents and presents folklife, folklore, and folk arts of the state. The Folklife Collection, curated by the Florida State Archives, contains research files and audio and video recordings from the 1930s to the present.

Florida Gulf Coast University Libraries

19501 Ben Hill Griffin Pkwy., Fort Myers, FL 33965–6565
(239) 590–7610; <http://library.fgcu.edu>

Complementing a general collection of in-house and online resources, the library's special collections include materials dealing with the southwest Florida region.

Florida Historical Society and Library of Florida History

435 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, FL 32922
(321) 690–1971; <http://www.myfloridahistory.org/library>

The oldest cultural organization in the state, the Florida Historical Society operates a library that contains an extensive collection relating to Florida, including volumes, maps, manuscripts, and photographs.

Florida International University Libraries

11200 S.W. 8th St., Miami, FL 33199
(305) 348–2451; library.fiu.edu

The FIU libraries house rare books, manuscripts, maps, and photographs as well as numerous special collections associated with noteworthy individuals.

Florida Master Site File, Division of Historical Resources

R. A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399–0250
(850) 245–6440; <http://www.flheritage.com/preservation/sitefile>

The Site File has records about historic structures and archaeological sites in Florida. While it does not house primary sources, it is an avenue to finding resources.

Florida Museum of Natural History

Powell Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611–2710
(352) 846–2000; www.flmnh.ufl.edu

This museum maintains biological, archaeological, and ethnographic collections relating to Florida and the Caribbean.

Florida State Archives and Florida Photographic Collection

R. A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399–0250
(850) 245–6700; www.floridamemory.com

The State Archives is the official repository for state government records. The collections also include private manuscripts, local government records, folklife materials, genealogical resources, and other items. The Photographic Collection includes a quarter-million images and more than 2,000 movies and videotapes.

Florida State University Libraries

105 Dogwood Way, Tallahassee, FL 32306–2047
(850) 644–2706; www.lib.fsu.edu

Stozier Library, the main facility at Florida State University, contains more than two million books and periodicals, more than 150,000 sheet maps, nearly four million micro-materials, and more than 500,000 government documents.

Institute on World War II and the Human Experience

Department of History, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306–2200
(850) 644–5888; <http://www.fsu.edu/~ww2>

The WWII Institute houses documentary material, diaries, letters, artifacts, photos, and newspaper clippings relating to individuals who served in the war and civilians on the home front.

Museum of Florida History, Division of Cultural Affairs

R. A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399–0250
(850) 245–6400; www.museumoffloridahistory.com

The official state history museum, MFH administers two sites in Tallahassee—the Main Gallery and the Knott House—both of which rely on artifacts and other primary sources to interpret Florida history.

Claude Pepper Library

636 W. Call St., Tallahassee, FL 32302
(850) 644–9305; <http://www.lib.fsu.edu/pepper/>

The Pepper Library, archives, and museum preserve and interpret the collections of former state and U.S. Senator Claude Pepper, providing a full record of 20th-century politics in Florida and the nation.

Reichelt Program for Oral History

Department of History, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306–2200
(850) 644–4966; www.fsu.edu/~ohp

This program presently has more than 1,000 interviews relating to the history of Tallahassee, the state of Florida, World War II, and other topics. It also serves as an archive for several independent oral history collections.

George A. Smathers Libraries

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611–7001
(352) 273–2525; www.uflib.ufl.edu

Smathers Library houses books, archives, documents, and a digital library dealing with state, federal, and international topics, especially Florida and the Caribbean.

Southeastern Regional Black Archives, Research Center and Museum

Carnegie Library, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, FL 32399–4500
(850) 599–3020; www.cis.famu.edu/BlackArchives

The Black Archives houses more than 500,000 archival records and thousands of artifacts that reflect African and African American history.

St. Augustine Historical Society Research Library

271 Charlotte St.
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 824–2569; <http://www.staugustinehistoricalsociety.org/library.html>

The St. Augustine Historical Society Research Library preserves the finest collections of printed, microfilmed, manuscript, digital, and pictorial materials relating to Florida history in a non-governmental repository.

State Library of Florida and the Florida Collection

R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
(850) 245-6600; dlis.dos.state.fl.us/stlib

The State Library's collections include more than one million circulating books, reference materials, state and federal documents and regulations, and audiovisual materials. The Florida Collection includes 60,000 books, manuscripts, maps, memorabilia, and periodicals pertaining to the state.

University of Central Florida Libraries

P.O. Box 162666, Orlando, FL 32816
(407) 823-2562; library.ucf.edu

The UCF library features numerous rare book, music, art, and book arts collections; holdings that deal with Florida and local history; and a variety of special collections dealing with unique topics.

University of Miami Libraries

1300 Memorial Dr., Coral Gables, FL 33124-0320
(305) 284-4722; www.library.miami.edu

The Archives and Special Collections Department maintains 50,000 rare books and publications; 500 manuscript collections; 100,000 photographs; 5,000 maps; 2,000 architectural drawings; and other archival materials.

University of South Florida Libraries

4202 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33620-5400
(813) 974-2729; www.lib.usf.edu

The USF library includes more than one million items in its special collections and considerable government documents holdings.

University of West Florida Libraries

11000 University Pkwy., Pensacola, FL 32514
(850) 474-2424; library.uwf.edu

Pace Library has 630,000 volumes, 1 million microforms, and thousands of journals. It is a regional depository for federal and state government publications.