

GLBT Historical Society, Dr. John P. De Cecco Archives and Special Collections

Guide to LGBTQ Archival Repositories in the United States

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Many archival repositories have historical material related to LGBTQ people. The institutions selected here represent some of the most comprehensive collections in the United States. This list is intended to help you locate repositories that may be of interest, but it is not exhaustive. You are also encouraged to review the Society of American Archivists Lavender Legacies Guide: <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/diverse-sexuality-and-gender-section/lavender-legacies-guide>

Western:

GLBT Historical Society. San Francisco, CA. <https://www.glbthistory.org/>

James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center of the San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco, CA. <https://sfpl.org/locations/main-library/lgbtqia-center>

University of California, San Francisco Archives and Special Collections, AIDS History Project. San Francisco, CA. <https://www.library.ucsf.edu/archives/>

Bay Area Lesbian Archives. Oakland, CA. <https://www.bayarealesbianarchives.org/>

Louise Lawrence Transgender Archive. Vallejo, CA. <https://ltransarchive.org/>

ONE Archives at USC. Los Angeles, CA. <https://one.usc.edu/>

June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives. West Hollywood, CA. <https://www.mazerlesbianarchives.org/>

Lambda Archives of San Diego. San Diego, CA. <https://lambdaarchives.org/>

Arizona Queer Archives, the State of Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex collecting archives of the Institute for LGBT Studies at the University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ. <http://azqueerarchives.org/>

Midwestern:

Leather Archives & Museum. Chicago, IL. <https://leatherarchives.org/index.php>

Gerber/Hart Library and Archives. Chicago, IL. <https://www.gerberhart.org/>

Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies at the University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN. <https://www.lib.umn.edu/tretter>

Kinsey Institute Library & Special Collections. Bloomington, IN. <https://kinseyinstitute.org/collections/index.php>

Southern:

Georgia State University, Gender and Sexuality Collections.
<https://library.gsu.edu/special-collections/collections/>

Invisible Histories Project: Preserving LGBTQ life in Alabama and the Southeast. Birmingham, AL. <https://invisiblehistory.org/>

The LGBT History Research Collection at the University of Houston.
<https://libraries.uh.edu/locations/special-collections/lgbt/>

LGBTQ Archive at the University of North Texas.
<https://library.unt.edu/special-collections/archives-manuscripts/lgbtq-archive/>

LGBT+ Archives Project of Louisiana. New Orleans, LA. <https://www.lgbtarchiveslouisiana.org/>

Stonewall National Museum & Archives. Fort Lauderdale, FL. <https://stonewall-museum.org/>

Eastern:

The Center Archive of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center. New York, NY. <https://gaycenter.org/archives/>

Gay and Lesbian Collections & AIDS/HIV Collections at New York Public Library. New York, NY. <https://www.nypl.org/lgbtqcollections>

Human Sexuality Collection at Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
<https://rare.library.cornell.edu/human-sexuality-collection/>

Lesbian Herstory Archives. Brooklyn, NY. <https://lesbianherstoryarchives.org/>

The History Project: Documenting LGBTQ Boston. Boston, MA. <http://www.historyproject.org/>

William Way LGBT Community Center Archives. Philadelphia, PA. <https://www.waygay.org/>

Additional Organizations and Online Projects:

ACT UP Oral History Project. <http://www.actuporalhistory.org/>

Black Lesbian Archives. <https://blacklesbianarchives.wixsite.com/info>

Digital Transgender Archive. <https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/>

Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art. New York, NY. <https://www.leslielohman.org/>

LGBTQ Religious Archives Network. <https://lgbtqreligiousarchives.org/>

New York City Trans Oral History Project. <https://www.nyctransoralhistory.org/>

OutHistory.org. <http://www.outhistory.org/>

OUTWORDS. <https://theoutwordsarchive.org/>