

Baldwin History Room

The History Room serves the Village of Baldwin by:

- Educating the public about the history of the Village of Baldwin
- Preserving local heritage through acquisition, research, and preservation of materials that reflect and document the connections between our past and the present
- Providing enriching experiences through displays and programming focused on local history
- Partnering with the community to foster an appreciation of the Village of Baldwin and to encourage investment in its future by preserving its past

History Room Resources

- State and local historical maps and plats
- Baldwin Bulletin on microfilm ranging from 1875 to 1974 and bound copies from 1955 to 2001
- Published and unpublished works about the Village of Baldwin
- Village of Baldwin Assessment Rolls, miscellaneous years from 1924
- Published works about St. Croix County and Wisconsin history
- Baldwin Cemetery Records
- Local family histories
- United States Census Records on microfilm; 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920
- Wisconsin Census Records on microfilm; 1895, 1905
- Hudson Star Times/Observer on microfilm; October 1869 to March 1877
- Baldwin School District and Christian School, miscellaneous records
- Heebink Lumber Company record books from the 1880s to the 1950s
- Baldwin Yearbooks
- Neevel photographs

Use of the History Room

Materials in the History Room may be used by members of the public; however, to maintain the safety, longevity, and integrity of the collection, users must register with library staff prior to accessing the room and/or its materials. Special care must be taken when handling History Room materials. Food and drink are not permitted in the History Room. Pencils and paper, laptops, tablets, and other mobile devices are permitted. Photocopies may be allowed at the discretion of a library staff or historic preservation committee member.

With prior arrangement and/or approval of library staff, the History room may be used by small groups for meetings.

Collection & Usage Policy

The History Room houses the local history collection of the Village of Baldwin. The Baldwin Historic Preservation Committee has the responsibility to preserve and share materials documenting the history of the Village of Baldwin and its environs.

Scope

The focus of the History Room is the history of the Village of Baldwin in the form of materials, documents, photographs, and objects. Select materials about the surrounding communities, county, state, nation, and world may be included to set the Village of Baldwin within a broader historical context. Genealogies and family histories may be collected for families with a significant connection to the Village of Baldwin.

Collection & Acquisitions

The Baldwin Public Library may receive donations to the History Room provided the donation significantly represents **the history of the Village of Baldwin**. Collection items shall consist of historical photographs, memorabilia, and written, printed, and published materials directly associated with the Village of Baldwin.

Three-dimensional objects generally are not considered due to space restraints unless objects were made in and/or primarily used or purchased in the Village of Baldwin, objects can pass through all standard interior doors, there is storage space permanently and readily available, and objects are in good undamaged condition without any need of repair.

Photographs must be identifiable with first and last names and/or physical addresses and subject matter directly related to the Village of Baldwin. "Neevel" photographs may be retained even if the subject is not identifiable.

Any donated item must include a completed donation form with a copy provided to the donor. Any donation must be approved by Library Director and Historic Preservation Committee Chairperson. Any accepted donation is considered an acquisition and may be sold, re-homed, or recycled at any time without notice to donor. Appraisals are not provided by staff, volunteers, interns, or committee members of the Baldwin Public Library, Village of Baldwin, or Baldwin Historic Preservation Committee.

Deaccessions

Collection items may be removed due to poor condition, duplication, irrelevance, or lacking significance to the history of the Village of Baldwin. Decisions to deaccession materials from the History Room shall be made jointly by the Library Director and Historic Preservation Committee Chairperson. Deaccessioned items may be sold, returned to the donor, given to another organization, or discarded.

Baldwin History Room Historic Materials Donation Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Description & Provenance: Describe item being donated. What is known about the item/s being donated? Describe significance to the Village of Baldwin. Who was the owner, maker? When was it made? Attach additional page/s if needed.

Donor Signature: _____

Library Director: _____

HPC Chairperson: _____