



Celebrating Kingston's Libraries



Sharing Kingston Stories

Help us capture the magic and memories of libraries and their impact on your life!



Kingston Community Library (KCL) is proud to partner with the Kingston Historical Museum to present “Celebrating Kingston’s Libraries.” Collecting library stories is one aspect of the Museum’s larger “Sharing Kingston Stories” project. We invite you to join us and reminisce about your life in Kingston.

Record your favorite library memories and preserve them through The Voice Library. Did you have a favorite librarian? Did you attend story times? Is there an author whose writing spoke to you? Did you discover something new at your library?

Share your short experiences using this Voice Library kit or contact the Kingston Museum to schedule a longer interview. We want your photos too! Fill out the enclosed consent forms to allow us to use your recording and/or images.

Your stories matter – to you, to us, and to a broader history.

The public library has been a vital part of our nation’s history, promoting intellectual freedom and the free flow of information, ensuring that all residents have equal access to diverse information. Whether you come to the library for the collections or for the activities, help us celebrate the value of American libraries and your own Kingston libraries. Tell us your personal anecdotes and let us know what role the library has played in your life.

Enjoy this activity in celebration of our community & connections - past and present.



Present and Share an Idea
with full control of your intellectual property



**KINGSTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM
ORAL HISTORY DEED OF GIFT**

- (1) I, _____ ("Storyteller"), hereby acknowledge my agreement to participate in the oral history project known as the Kingston Historical Museum Oral History Project ("Project"). Storyteller understands that this deed of gift must be signed in order to participate in the Project.
- (2) Storyteller hereby gives to the Kingston Historical Museum (KHM) for scholarly and educational use the audio and video recordings of stories and photographs submit as part of their participation in the project.
- (3) Storyteller hereby grants to the KHM all of the rights Storyteller possesses in those recordings and photographs, including all intellectual property rights. Storyteller understands that KHM grants Storyteller a nonexclusive license to make and to authorize others to make any use of the content of those recordings and photographs, and that they will, at Storyteller's request, make available a copy of said recordings and photographs for such use.
- (3) All parties agree that: (i) no one will use or exercise any of its rights to the information in Storyteller's submitted recorded stories or photographs prior to the signing of this deed of gift, and (ii) restrictions on the use of my story will be specified below and will be accepted as amending rights to the content of the recordings and photographs.
- (4) Storyteller understands that by signing this deed of gift Storyteller approves the contents of the recordings and authorizes their use.
- (5) The foregoing gift and grant of rights is subject to the following restrictions:

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- (6) If Storyteller has any questions about the research project or procedures, please call 603-642-5792 or email museuminfo@kingstonnh.org.
 - (7) PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE: KINGSTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM: PO BOX 24, KINGSTON, NH 03848 OR VIA EMAIL TO: MUSEUMINFO@KINGSTONNH.ORG

This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire. This agreement may be revised or amended by mutual consent of the parties undersigned.

Agreed by:

Signature _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ E-mail : _____

Kingston Historical Museum Representative: _____

Kingston Museum and Kingston Community Library

Celebrating Kingston Libraries Storyteller Guide

1. Go to www.kingstonnh.org/historical-museum-committee
2. Download the Deed of Gift form, sign and return as directed
3. Go to <https://www.TheVoiceLibrary.net>
 - a. Under Menu - Download for Free - Voice Library App.
 - b. Select – Recorder
 - c. User Name: KingstonMuseum
 - d. Password: SKS2022
 - e. Click on the Microphone symbol when you are ready to record
 - f. Type Recording Name Format: Your Name – Date- Library
4. Choose a Quite Place to Record
5. Please answer the questions below so we can identify you properly.

GENERAL/FAMILY/KIINGSTON

- 1) What is your full name and [if applicable] your maiden name?
 - a. What were your parents' names?
 - b. Names of our siblings?
- 2) Please provide your telephone number.
- 3) When were you born?
- 4) Where have you lived during your life? Did you grow up in Kingston? In what neighborhood?
- 5) If you were not born in Kingston, when did you arrive? (year or age). How did you come to live in Kingston?
- 6) Where do you live in the town now? Have you lived in multiple areas?
- 7) If you don't currently live in Kingston, what is your Kingston connection?

LIBRARY STORIES

- 1) Please tell us about your memories of the**
Nichols Memorial Library and
Kingston Community Library
Elementary school library
Sanborn Seminary/High School Library

2) Why did you go to the library?

3) Who did you go the library with?

4) Who was the librarian?

5) What period of time was this?

6) Why did you want to share this story?

INTERVIEW CONCLUSION:

A) Do you want to share another story with us?

B) Now that we are working to tell a fuller story of the history Kingston residents than has been recorded in the past, what should we be sure to include?