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Guide to LGBTQ Archival Repositories in the United States

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Many archival repositories and organizations 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 researchers locate repositories that may be of interest, but it is not exhaustive. Researchers are also encouraged to review the Society of American Archivists Lavender Legacies Guide to Sources in North America: 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://lltransarchive.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:

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

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

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/

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

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

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/