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| Bisexual Archives - Lesbian and Gay Historical Society of San Diego | "The Bisexual Archives collection is located at the Lesbian and Gay Historical Society of San Diego (California). This archival collection was established and donated by Regina Reinhardt and Fritz Klein." – includes conference programs, newsletters, resource lists, etc. of U.S. and int'l bi groups | Uncertain San Diego, CA | Yes http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~clgoyne/lghssd/bisexualarch.html#top | (619) 260-1522* * http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/lagar/guide/guidetext.html |
| Lambda Archives of San Diego | Lambda Archives of San Diego (formerly known as The Lesbian and Gay Historical Society of San Diego) was founded by Jess Jessop in 1987, as the Lesbian and Gay Archives, to promote the recovery, preservation and understanding of the history of lesbians and gay men. Our primary focus is on lesbian and gay history and culture in the San Diego County (California)/ Tijuana (Baja California Norte, Mexico) region. We are an all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. | Yes San Diego, CA | Yes http://www.lambdaarchives.org/ | info@lambdaarchives.org (619) 260-1522 |

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| GLBT Historical Society | <p>"The mission of the GLBT Historical Society is to collect, preserve, exhibit, and otherwise make available to the public historical, cultural, and artistic materials related to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender communities, identities, and practices, as well as of other sexual minorities. Our goal is to build the world's first full-scale, professional quality museum devoted to GLBT history and culture."</p> <p>The organization has the country's largest collection of LGBTQ oral histories and a very useful online index to the histories.</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>San Francisco, CA</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.glbthistory.org/</p> | <p>info@glbthistory.org</p> <p>(415) 777-5455</p> |
| The June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives | <p>"The June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives remains the only archive on this side of the continent that is dedicated exclusively to preserving lesbian history and to guaranteeing that those who come after us will not have to believe that they "walk alone." The Archives is committed to gathering and preserving materials by and about lesbians and feminists of all classes, ethnicities, races and experiences. Included are personal letters and scrapbooks, artwork, manuscripts, books, records, newspapers, magazines, photographs, videotapes,</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>West Hollywood, CA</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://mazerlesbianarchives.org/</p> | <p>mazercoll@earthlink.net</p> <p>(310) 659-2478</p> |

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| | flyers, papers of lesbian and feminist organizations, private papers, and even clothing, such as softball uniforms from the 1940s and 50s.” | | | |
| Lavender Library, Archives and Cultural Exchange of Sacramento, Inc. | “We serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities as a lending library and archives and as a site for cultural activities. Unique in the greater Sacramento area, we are an all-volunteer-run, donation-supported community organization with certified nonprofit status.” | Yes Sacramento, CA | Yes http://www.lavenderlibrary.org/ | info@lavenderlibrary.org (916) 492-0558 |
| One Institute and Archive | “The ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives honors the past, celebrates the present, and enriches the future of all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. We foster acceptance of sexual and gender diversity by supporting education and research about our heritage and experience worldwide. ONE is dedicated to collecting, preserving, documenting, studying, and communicating our history, our challenges, and our aspirations. “ | Yes Los Angeles, CA | Yes http://www.oneinstitute.org/ | askone@oneinstitute.org (213) 741-0094 |

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| Terry Mangan Library | <p>"The Terry Mangan Memorial Library is open to the public Monday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Terry Mangan was one of Colorado's first gay activists and archivists. He was a founder of the Gay Liberation Front and was the first coordinator of the Gay Coalition, a group founded in 1973 to combat Police department harassment of gays and lesbians. He is the author of Colorado on Glass. After his death in 1976, the library of the Gay Coalition and other books from his estate were donated to The Center in his memory to start our present library."</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Denver, CO</p> | <p>Yes (through the GLBT Center of Colorado website)</p> <p>Center website:</p> <p>http://www.glbtcolorado.org/site/c.anKIIPNtEqG/b.486567/k.CC49/Home.htm</p> <p>URL for library:</p> <p>http://www.glbtcolorado.org/site/c.anKIIPNtEqG/b.487669/k.C5F4/Library.htm</p> | <p>info@coloradoglb.org</p> <p>(303) 733-7743</p> |
| Rainbow History Project | <p>"Our mission is to collect, preserve, and promote an active knowledge of the history, arts, and culture relevant to sexually diverse communities in metropolitan Washington DC."</p> <p>The organization uses its website as a virtual archive and mounts virtual exhibits.</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Washington, D.C.</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.rainbowhistory.org/</p> | <p>info@rainbowhistory.org</p> <p>(202) 907-9007</p> |

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| Stonewall Library & Archives, Inc. | <p>“Our mission is the [sic?] collect, preserve, organize for use, and display materials relating to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender culture and history, support related research, and sponsor educational opportunities.</p> <p>Our vision is to become a permanent, professionally staffed, cultural and educational resource center preserving through the diversity of our collections, programs, and services, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender heritage while documenting our significant role in American history and culture.”</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Fort Lauderdale, FL</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.stonewall-library.org/index.html</p> | <p>info@stonewall-library.org</p> <p>954-763-8565</p> |
| The Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing, 1957-1994 | <p>Formed (with a small group of people) by Maria Helena Dolan, a lesbian activist and historian. Currently housed in the Atlanta History Center*.</p> <p>*See: http://www.thebody.com/asp/septoct04/history.html</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Atlanta, GA</p> | <p>No (But, the collection is housed in the Atlanta History Center- http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/index.cfm)</p> | <p>reference@atlantahistorycenter.com</p> <p>(408) 814-4040</p> |
| Gerber/Hart Library: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Information Resource and | <p>“Gerber/Hart Library was founded in 1981 to be a depository for the records of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) individuals and organizations, and for other resources bearing upon their lives and</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Chicago, IL</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.gerberhart.org/</p> | <p>info@gerberhart.org</p> <p>(773) 381-8030</p> |



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| Archives | experiences in American society. Gerber/Hart Library has since grown into being the Midwest's largest LGBT circulating library with over 14,000 volumes, 800 periodical titles, and 100 archival collections." | | | |
| Leather Archives and Museum | Mission Statement: "The compilation, preservation and maintenance of leather lifestyle and related lifestyles [including but not limited to the Gay and Lesbian communities], history, archives and memorabilia for historical, educational and research purposes." | Yes Chicago, IL | Yes http://www.leatherarchives.org/ | archives@leatherarchives.org (773) 761-9200 |
| The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Religious Archives Network | "The LGBT Religious Archives Network (LGBT-RAN) is an innovative venture in developing archives and encouraging historical study of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) religious movements. The LGBT-RAN can best be viewed as a "virtual" archive. We serve as a resource for LGBT religious leaders and groups in determining how to preserve their historical records. We then provide an information clearinghouse for these archival collections in a central electronic directory for the use of historians, researchers and other interested persons." | Yes Chicago, IL | Yes http://www.lgbtran.org/ | info@lgbtran.org (773) 322-0290 |

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| Up the Stairs Community Center Archives and Resource Library | <p>"The Up The Stairs Community Center Archives & Resource Library (UTS Library) is both a free-lending library of over 2300 circulating items and an archive of local and regional gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender (GLBT) history. The UTS Library with the help of volunteers serves over 200 registered patrons who come from all over the Northeast Indiana region and surrounding states. The UTS Library is supported mainly through fund-raisers, pledges and percentages of subscriptions to the Community Center's newspaper the Rainbow Reader."</p> <p>No collection list or finding aids.</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Ft. Wayne, IN</p> | <p>Yes (through the Up the Stairs Community Center website)</p> <p>Center Website:</p> <p>http://www.utscc.org/index.htm</p> <p>URL for library:</p> <p>http://www.utscc.org/library.htm</p> | <p>thelibrary@utscc.org</p> |
| The History Project: Documenting GLBT Boston | <p>"The History Project is an all-volunteer organization focused on several important initiatives</p> <p>Conducting research on lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgenders in Massachusetts</p> <p>Preserving the documentary record of that community's social and historical contributions</p> <p>Providing a forum for educating the</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Boston, MA</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.historyproject.org/</p> | <p>info@historyproject.org</p> <p>(617) 266-7733</p> |

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| | <p>general public.”</p> <p>**The History Project has online exhibits**</p> | | | |
| Sexual Minorities Archives | <p>“Sexual Minorities Archives, formerly New Alexandria Lesbian Library (NALL), Grassroots national collection which archives materials from sexual minorities, lesbians, gay men, etc. throughout the US, Canada and foreign countries. -Holdings include approximately 3,500 books, over 700 periodical sets, subject files, regional and organizational archives, rare books and first editions, photos, films, videos, record albums, cassettes, art, posters, flyers, buttons, slide shows, and more. -Service include low-cost xeroxing and cassette tape duplication, research assistance, temporary housing for out-of-town research, and video rental service. - NALL is a collection within the Sexual Minorities Archives which collects the histories of all sexual minorities including lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered, transsexuals and S&M leatherfolk.”*</p> | <p>Unsure, unable to verify</p> <p>Florence, MA</p> | No | <p>betpower@yahoo.com</p> <p>(413) 584-7616</p> |

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| | * http://www.umass.edu/ewc/rr/irisweb/ewcr0801ab.html (02/26/01) | | | |
| Quatrefoil Library | <p>“Quatrefoil Library exists to collect, preserve, and share materials and information relevant to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and other sexual minority communities.</p> <p>Collections include books, videos, DVDs, and sound recordings, which members may check out. We also have a large collection of non-circulating periodicals.”</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>St. Paul, MN</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.qlibrary.org/ & http://www.quatrefoilibrary.org/</p> | <p>QuatrefoilLibrary@yahoo.com</p> <p>(651) 641-0969</p> |
| The National Archive of Lesbian, Gay Bisexual & Transgender History (Housed in The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Community Center) | <p>“The archive works to preserve our communities' heritage, making it accessible through regular exhibits, publications and scholarly research activities. Founded, and coordinated, in 1990 by volunteer archivist Rich Wandel, the collection includes thousands of papers, periodicals, correspondence, and photographs donated by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and organizations.”</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>New York, NY</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.gaycenter.org/resources/archive/</p> | <p>archive@gaycenter.org</p> <p>(212) 620-7310, ext. 205</p> |

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| The Lesbian Herstory Archives | <p>"The Lesbian Herstory Archives exist to gather and preserve records of Lesbian lives and activities so that future generations will have ready access to materials relevant to their lives. The process of gathering this material will also serve to uncover and collect our herstory denied to us previously by patriarchal historians in the interests of the culture which they serve. The existence of these Archives will enable us to analyze and reevaluate the Lesbian experience; we also anticipate that the existence of these archives will encourage lesbians to record their experiences in order to formulate our living Herstory.</p> <p>We will collect and preserve any materials that are relevant to the lives and experiences of Lesbians: books, magazines, journals, news clippings (from establishment, Feminist or Lesbian media), bibliographies, photos, historical information, tapes, films, diaries, oral histories, poetry and prose, biographies, autobiographies, notices of events, posters, graphics, and other memorabilia."</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>New York, NY</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.lesbianherstoryarchives.org</p> <p>∟</p> | 718-768-DYKE (3953) |

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| The Leslie/Lohman Gay Art Foundation | <p>"The Leslie-Lohman Gay Art Foundation is a non-profit foundation which was established in 1990 to provide an outlet for art work that is unambiguously gay and which is frequently denied access to mainstream venues. The Foundation's Leslie-Lohman Gallery mounts exhibitions of work in all media by gay and lesbian artists with an emphasis on subject matter that speaks directly to gay and lesbian sensibilities, including, erotic, political, romantic, and social imagery and providing special support for emerging and underrepresented artists.</p> <p>It's programs include regularly scheduled exhibitions, video events, workshop presentations of plays, a slide registry, artists' and curators' talks, panel discussions, a quarterly newsletter, a membership program, an archive and a permanent collection of art."</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>New York, NY</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.leslielohman.org</p> | <p>LLDirector@earthlink.net</p> <p>(212) 673-7007</p> |

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| Ohio Lesbian Archives | "In keeping with the Archives' mission to collect, celebrate and make accessible lesbian culture in all its splendor, OLA houses an amazing collection. Books by or about lesbians have a home in the Archives as well as lesbian periodicals, flyers from lesbian events, photographs, posters, CDs, LPs, videocassettes (movies and interviews), audiocassettes (music, interviews and poetry), t-shirts, buttons, etc. In addition to a concentration in all things lesbian OLA also collects lesbian/gay movement flyers and periodicals from the tri-state area. A large lesbian/gay history collection is also part of OLA." | Yes Cincinnati, OH | Yes http://www.geocities.com/ohiolesbianarchives/ | ohiolesbianarchives@yahoo.com |
| The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Library/Archives of Philadelphia (through the William Way Community Center) | "The Library/Archives collects publications, organizational and personal papers, business records, audiovisual materials and ephemera created by, dealing with, or of special interest to gay men, lesbians, bisexual men and women, and transgender individuals. As a secondary focus, it collects selected works about feminism and feminist organizations. Our collections include materials from around the world. However, in the Archival Special Collections, | Yes Philadelphia, PA | Yes http://www.stevecap.com/libdraft/index.htm | wwclibrary@yahoo.com Archives: stevecap@dca.net ; demoncat73@meowmail.com (215-732-2220)- Front desk of the William Way Community Center |

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| | preference is given to items that document the lives of sexual-minority people in Delaware, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania.” | | | |
| Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History, Inc. | “Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History, Inc. was created to collect, preserve and provide access to historical items from the GLBT community in the gulf coast area of Texas. The archive shall encourage education of and research by anyone (regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age or religion), interested in learning about any aspects of the GLBT community. The museum shall sponsor meetings for the dissemination of information and display of collected materials. | Yes- upon request, closed otherwise Houston, TX | Yes http://www.gcam.org/ | chair@gcam.org (713) 692-8735 |
| The Happy Foundation | “The HAPPY Foundation is an archives that collects the history of the Gay BLT community. It is particularly concerned with San Antonio Texas, but everything in Texas and around the United States and around the world is of interest. The archives was started by Gene Elder after the death of HAPPY from AIDS on December 3, 1988.” | Yes San Antonio, TX | No | cisneros@dcci.com * (210) 227-6451* * http://www.thebody.com/cgi-bin/memorial.pl?file=Arthur_Hap_Veltman_Jr . |

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| The Phil Johnson Historic Archives & Research Library (through the Gay & Lesbian Community Center) | “Our library contains a large collection of literature by gay and lesbian authors, as well as fiction and non-fiction on the subjects of homosexuality, coming out, HIV and AIDS, and gender issues.” | Yes Dallas, TX | Yes (through the Gay & Lesbian Community Archives) Website: http://www.resourcecenterdallas.org/gcc.html | (214) 528-0144 (Gay & Lesbian Community Center through the Resource Center of Dallas) |
| Resource Center of Dallas | “The Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established in 1983 by members of the board of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance. The Center operates the John Thomas Gay & Lesbian Community Center, AIDS Resource Center, and Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center (Clinic). The mission of the Resource Center of Dallas is to serve the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) and North Texas communities by providing: health, HIV, and social services; education and advocacy; and support to GLBT individuals and organizations. The Center established the AIDS Resource Center in 1985 to provide information and prevention education. The AIDS Resource Center now offers a wide range of programs to assist | Yes Dallas, TX | Yes http://www.resourcecenterdallas.org/ | (214) 528-0144 (Resource Center of Dallas) |

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| | <p>individuals and families affected by HIV and AIDS. The continuum of services includes: HIV awareness and prevention education/outreach; nutritional services including a food pantry and hot lunches; information & referral; Immunocise (fitness program); community health programs; and a number of other social support services.</p> <p>The Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center (Clinic) opened in 1989, as an extension and part of the AIDS Resource Center. Now focusing on the spectrum of gay & lesbian health needs in addition to HIV and AIDS, the Clinic offers confidential and anonymous HIV counseling and testing, Hal Keeler Research (HIV and other clinical trials), wellness and dental services, Young-Elder Women's Health, and STD testing and treatment.</p> <p>The John Thomas Gay & Lesbian Community Center is the oldest arm of the Resource Center of Dallas, having served as a meeting and support center for local organizations since the late 1970s. Programs include a gay & lesbian sensitivity seminar series,</p> | | | |

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| | domestic violence intervention, the Phil Johnson Gay & Lesbian Historic Archives and Research Library, Gay Bingo!, gay issues information line, X ³ (social and educational gatherings and events for lesbian women), and FUSE (young gay male outreach)." | | | |
| Northwest Lesbian and Gay History Museum Project | <p>"The Northwest Lesbian and Gay History Museum Project (NWGLHMP, or The History Project), founded in 1994, is an organization which researches, interprets and communicates the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in the Pacific Northwest for the purposes of study, education and enjoyment. Recognizing that the history of this vibrant community has been sparsely and inaccurately recorded, the History Project seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> collect oral histories; locate photographs, ephemera, objects and documents; and work with archives to insure the preservation of these materials; and create public programs such as exhibits, publications and | <p>Yes</p> <p>Seattle, WA</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://home.earthlink.net/~ruthpett/lgbthistorynw/index.htm</p> | <p>gayhistnw@aol.com</p> <p>(206) 903-9517</p> |

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| | presentations to communicate the collective experience we have uncovered.” | | | |
| Pacific Northwest Lesbian Archives | <p>“In keeping with the Archives’ mission to collect, celebrate and make accessible lesbian herstory - in all of its splendor, PNLA is seeking the following primary source materials from the community:</p> <p>Business Records : (meeting minutes, agendas, financial/budget info, reports, correspondence, project files, and other documentary materials) from lesbian organizations, groups, and businesses--past and present.</p> <p>Personal papers/Manuscripts/diaries, journals, and unpublished or preliminary notes, drafts, and papers that document lesbian lives.</p> <p>Audio and Visual Materials: Photographs, negatives, films, videos, DVDs, records, audio tapes, CDs .</p> <p>Printed Materials: periodicals,</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Seattle, WA</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.pnwlesbianarchives.org/</p> | <p>lisa@pnwlesbianarchives.org</p> <p>(206) 654-4477</p> |

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| | <p>newsletters, pamphlets, brochures, graphics, posters, flyers advertising events, etc.</p> <p>Ephemera: clothing, art, religious or spiritual objects, protest signs, banners, bumper stickers, buttons/pins, etc. that relate to specific events or time periods.</p> <p>*Materials must be related to the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska) We will accept materials relating to national/international groups if directly applicable to lesbians in the Pacific Northwest.”</p> | | | |

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| Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives | "Our primary mandate is to collect and maintain information related to gay and lesbian life in Canada -- though we have lots from elsewhere as well. We gather material on people, organizations, issues and events. (Our collecting is guided by a stated mandate , the full text of which is available here online.) We arrange that material, record it, store it -- and secure it for the future." | Yes | http://www.clga.ca/ | queries@clga.ca ; +1 (416) 777-2755 |
| Archives Gaiies du Quebec | "Nearly twenty years ago, Ross Higgins and Jacques Prince set about creating an organization which would have as its mandate the collection, conservation and preservation of any material, in hand-written, print, visual, audio or other formats, which documented the history of the gay and lesbian community of Québec." | Yes | Yes http://www.agq.qc.ca/ (French) http://www.agq.qc.ca/indexen.html (English) | info@agq.qc.ca ; (514) 287-9987 |

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**<http://www.gaycanada.com/entries/index.php?EntryID=1578>