

Q: What kind of items can be found in the Baton Rouge Room Collection?

A: The Library's Baton Rouge Room Collection has a wide variety of items that range from photographs to costumes. There is a large collection of scrapbooks from local organizations and individuals, Municipal documents, maps, films, oral histories, and more.

Q: Does the Baton Rouge Room repair and preserve items for the Library?

A: Yes. When damaged materials come into the Baton Rouge Room Collection, the repair needs are assessed and treatment proceeds from there. Types of repairs that occur are paper repair using a rice paper and a wheat glue, re-housing of materials into acid free containers, and mold removal which sometimes calls for putting items into the freezer for a while!

Q: Who are the people that are on the oral history tapes in the Baton Rouge Room?

A: The Oral History collection contains interviews from all different types of people. We have interviews with former Mayors, Civil Rights leaders, musicians, and regular citizens.

Q: What types of items can be found in the online digital archives?

A: The digital archives contain primarily photographs of Baton Rouge and the surrounding area. There is a selection of print materials such as brochures, maps, and newsreel footage from WAFB TV from the '70s.

Q: What is the oldest item in the Baton Rouge Room?

A: The oldest original item found in the Baton Rouge Room is a 1741 British Indenture document, which details the sale of a parcel of land from John Harding to Preston Richard in Westmoreland, England.

Q: Does the Baton Rouge Room accept any and all donations?

A: No, the mission of the Baton Rouge Room is to document the life and times of the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish. If we accepted anything else, we would soon be overwhelmed by material.

The materials that meet our geographic requirements must also be in decent condition and not contain pests or large amounts of mold that can harm the materials we already have.

Q: How do I donate to the Baton Rouge Room?

A: If you would like to donate to the Baton Rouge Room, please call the Library's Archivist at (225) 389-4960 and s/he will be happy to speak with you about your materials.

Q: What is the most popular part of the Baton Rouge Room Collection?

A: The yearbooks are the most popular items in the Baton Rouge Room collection. The Baton Rouge Room currently houses over 500 yearbooks from a wide variety of schools in the parish.

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