

Archives & Special Collections

The Archives at Central Washington University was established as the repository for official and unofficial records that document the history of the university. It therefore serves as a regional repository to house, preserve, and promote the unique cultural history of central Washington. The Archives is located on the second floor of James Brooks Library on the Ellensburg campus.

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[Central Washington University collections](#): These collections include documents, correspondence, photographs, audiovisual materials, and ephemera relating to Central Washington University and its history. Much of this material is detailed in finding aids, which can be found [here](#).

[Regional collections](#): These collections feature photographs, records, and papers relating to the history of Ellensburg and the larger central Washington area. Collections are detailed in finding aids, found [here](#).

[Digital collections](#): Some of the community collections available in the CWU Archives have been digitized and made available [here](#).

[CWU student newspaper](#): Nearly all issues, 1917 to 2000, of Central's student-operated newspaper are now available online. Newspapers from the *Student Opinion* to the *Observer* can be searched by keyword and issue.

[Special collections](#): CWU Archives houses a collection of rare books on regional literature, Native American history, children's literature, and Central Washington University history.

[Living History Project / Oral histories](#): This collection contains transcripts of interviews conducted with former faculty, staff, and alumni of Central Washington University.

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