

Coming Together:

A story of how we are building the Edmonton Queer History Digital Collection

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Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather, and the places in which Edmonton's queer history has occurred, is Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground and home for many Indigenous Peoples, including Nêhiyawak (Cree), Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dene, Inuit, and Nakota Sioux.

Why Does Researching Queer History Matter?

Addressing long held silences and exclusions

from official histories and narratives

Challenging discriminatory beliefs, prejudices, and

stereotypes

Empowering 2SLGBTQ+ communities, which can

help to foster a sense of belonging, acceptance,

and pride

Understanding past struggles, accomplishments,

and victories can help to inform current day

advocacy and activism

Promoting visibility and inclusivity in education

Making Queer Histories Visible: EQHP Ongoing Work

Interactive App with Story Social Media Engagement: City: Digital Self-Guided Sharing and celebrating Walking Tours 2SLGBTQ+ History Community Mapping: Digitizing Local 2SLGBTQ+ Old Strathcona and Community Newsletters, Programs, and Books Fort Edmonton Park Queer Heritage Coffee Table Book with Placemaking Signs **NeWest Publishing**

Digital Open History Map:

Share your own queer history

Research and Funding
Partnerships

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Items of historical significance to local 2SLGBTQ+ community

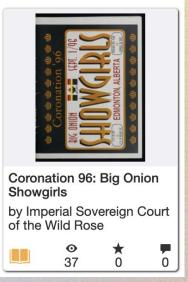
- Event programs: Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose programs (2023-1977)
- Magazines: Outlooks, Modern Pink, A.G.L.P. Alberta Gay and Lesbian Press, Fresh Magazine
- Community organization newsletters: Womonspace News, Club '70, Roughnecks













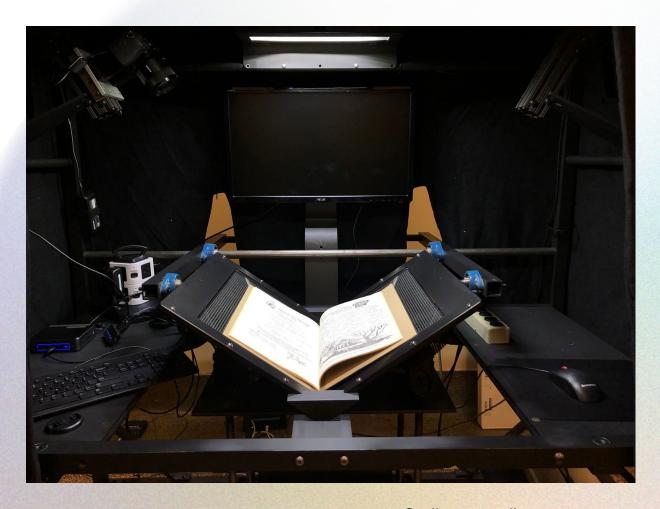
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Cultivating Community Archives

- Identify roles and responsibilities
- Develop copyright templates, risk assessment tools and guidelines
- Create metadata templates based on standards and community models
 - Metadata Best Practices for Trans and Gender Diverse
 Resources
 - Homosaurus

Digitization

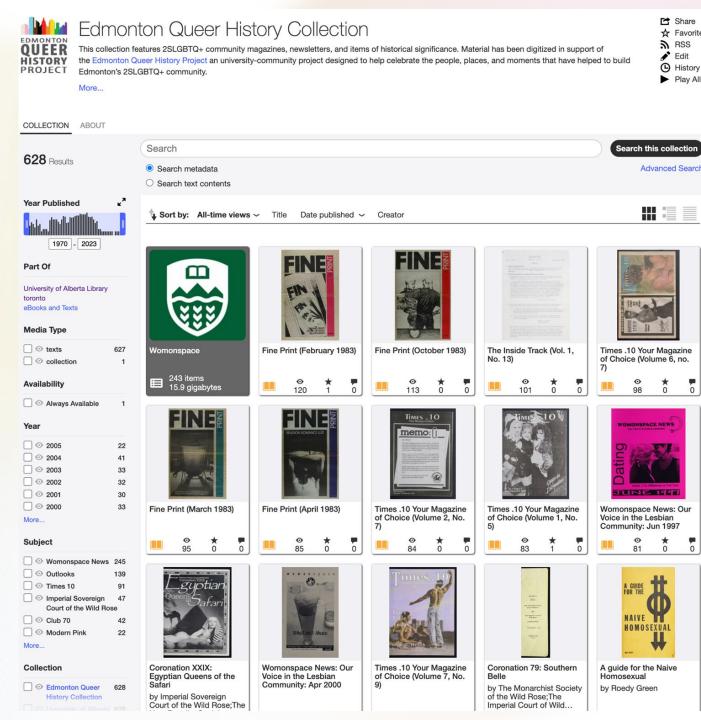
- University of Alberta Library (UAL) reviews metadata, does minor transformation to align with schema
- Send to our partner the Internet Archive (IA) for scanning who have a site located at our off-site storage facility on our South Campus
- Scanned in small batches as material comes in on a vcraddle scanner



Scribe v-cradle scanner
Photo credit: University of Alberta Library

Post Digitization

- Material is processed & uploaded by the Internet Archive
 - EQHC is a sub-collection of the UAL digital collections
 - UAL commits to "hold within its digital repository a preservation copy of all materials, mitigating against the event that Internet Archive should cease to be"
- Advantages of using IA for community archives
 - Collaborative options
 - Open platform



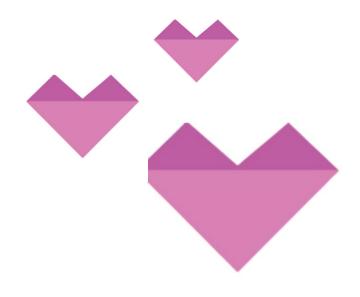
Thank you!

Questions? Feedback?

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