Celebrate Archives Month by Honoring the Accomplishments of an Ohio Archival Institution

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Achievement Award recognizes significant accomplishments in preserving and improving access to historical records, in any format, by an Ohio archival institution.

All Ohio institutions responsible for archival records that provide public access to at least a portion of their collections are eligible. Eligible accomplishments include recent special projects or on-going programs that:

- build significant collections
- implement successful preservation strategies
- enhance access to archives
- develop effective digitization programs

Preference will be given to projects or programs that can be adapted for use by other institutions.

Because the award recognizes institutional achievements, individuals are not eligible. Departments employing members of OHRAB are not eligible, but other departments in their institutions are eligible.

Nominating letters should be no longer than two pages, 12-pt, single spaced, describing the institution’s program/project along with its goals, accomplishments, and significance. Each must include the nominee’s institutional name along with a contact person’s name, mailing and email addresses, and phone number.

Send nominations via email or U.S. mail to:
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Nominations must be received by October 1, 2018.
Self-nominations are encouraged.

Questions? Contact Tina Ratcliff at ratclifft@mcohio.org or 937.496.6932

Need ideas? Check out the award winners on the other side of this sheet.

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board is the central body for historical records planning in the state. Board members represent Ohio’s public and private archives, records offices, and research institutions.
http://www.ohrab.org
Previous OHRAB Archives Achievement Award Winners

2017
Franklin County Children Services for its project inventorying and cataloging a large volume of historical records documenting the history of the agency.

2016
Greene County Records Center and Archives for its innovative program taking records into classrooms to develop students’ research and analytical skills while fostering an appreciation for local history.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Library and Archives for public programming that fosters and promotes to a large and diverse audience the spirit of preserving history through its collections.

2015
Delaware County Records Center for its devotion to the care, preservation, and accessibility of county records through continual modernization of processes and dedication to providing convenient public access to the records in its care.

Kellys Island Historical Association for its efforts in implementing archival accession, processing, and cataloging procedures, increasing the accessibility of its collections through the creation and publishing of its inventory, and fostering research through new initiatives.

2014
Greene County Records Center and Archives for demonstrating diligent efforts in its successful removal of collections from an older building and installation of valuable historical documents into a new archives facility and fostering relationships with other county departments while doing so.

2013
Shaker Heights Public Library for collaborating with the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission on the HistoricShaker.com architectural history collection and tool utilizing thousands of digitized index cards.

Euclid Public Library for building a web-based collection documenting its city’s history from multiple perspectives and formats.

Clark County Historical Society for its perseverance and creativity in preserving Ohio’s local records.

Nominees for the Achievement Award represented small towns and large cities; public and private institutions; universities, historical societies, and records centers; and a full range of historic records—maps, photographs, marriage, birth, death, and estate records, and more. Common to all their successes were collaboration, determination, creativity, and a passionate commitment to the preservation and expanded use of Ohio’s historic records. Clearly, Ohio’s historic records community is achieving admirable results.

More information on the award and previous winners at http://www.ohrab.org or contact Awards Committee Chair Tina Ratcliff at ratlfftt@mcohio.org.