

The History Room at the Plaistow Public Library

The History Room contains rare, out-of-print and older books and other materials relating to Plaistow, surrounding towns, New England, and many other topics.

The History Room has some genealogical materials and cemetery maps of the Plaistow cemeteries.

Town reports and Timberlane School District Annual reports are here. Many Timberlane High School yearbooks are here, too.

The materials in this room offer a unique research opportunity! Science, social history, religion, economics, geography, ocean travel, train travel, home crafts, architecture, wars, military regimentals, poetry, fiction, almanacs and many other topics are covered. For example: You are writing a paper on the history of communication and need something extra. We have a great book on the history of the telephone and how the early telephones worked. Adding a contrast of the crank telephone in comparison to the newest cell phone adds depth to the paper. Writing about weather and storms? We have a couple of great books on the Hurricane of 1938 with awesome photos that were done by the writers and photographers hired by the Works Progress Administration.

History Room items cannot be checked out. Materials can be looked at while you are at the Library. Most items cannot be photocopied due to fragile spines and covers, but you are welcome to use your cell phone, tablet, or digital camera to take pictures of the passages you need. Some items will require you to wear cotton gloves for handling – we have those.

Appointments are needed to view items. Please let us know ahead of time what topic or area of interest you are interested in and we will pull the items ahead of time for you. Middle and high school students are welcome to use the materials with a parent/guardian present.

No food, drinks, or pens/markers are allowed around the materials. Thank you for your understanding.