

Marshfield Story Project will bring together our community – young, older and in between – to preserve Marshfield's community memory through intergenerational dialog, oral history video interviews and creating a digital archive.

Here are some highlights from last month about Marshfield Story Project:**Oral History Workshop by Andy Kolovos of Vermont Folklife Center**

The workshop took place on Tuesday, December 3rd, in the Hap Hayward History Center at the library. Ten people attended the event from 9:30 until 3:00. Andy provided background about oral history, ways to collect it in our community and demonstrated interview techniques. Ben Koenig joined us as our guest interviewee. After lunch we discussed ways to involve more community members in MSP and brainstormed possible events for the coming year. Andy will come back for another workshop in spring of 2020. The second workshop will focus on learning to use digital audio recording equipment and practicing interview techniques

A Productive Visit to Vermont Historical Society

At the suggestion of our Mentor Organization for Marshfield Story Project I met again with Paul Carnahan, Librarian, Eileen Corcoran, Community Outreach & Media Coordinator, and Marjorie Strong, Assistant Librarian to explore how we can work with them through Digital Vermont. <http://digitalvermont.org/>

The result of our meeting is that they offered us a portion of their Digital Vermont Omeka-powered website, along with the training we'll need to contribute our collection of images and oral history interviews resulting from Marshfield Story Project.

Here is their statement of support:

Digital Vermont (digitalvermont.org) is a project of the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) featuring selected archival materials from our collections and those of partner organizations. The Omeka-powered site presently includes 875 images, 53 oral history interviews, and 250 paper-based items available to researchers on the website and through the Digital Public Library of America (<https://dp.la/>). Developing the website as a statewide digital archive is part of VHS's current strategic plan. Adding scans of historic images from the Marshfield Historical Society and new video interviews from the Marshfield Story Project to the Digital Vermont site will be a logical "next step" in the Vermont Historical Society's efforts to bring our history to all Vermonters wherever they might be.

Marshfield Story Project Community Kick-off

On the evening of December 17th we held a community meeting to share more detailed information about Marshfield Story Project. The weather put a bit of a damper on attendance but 12 hardy participants enjoyed pizza, a 15-minute presentation with lively discussion following.

One idea that seemed popular was a pop-up interview booth at town meeting or community supper. The set-up would allow individuals a chance to share a short memory or story and have it recorded for inclusion in our MSP archives.

You can view a PDF of the presentation here:

https://www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org/uploads/1/1/6/9/116966979/msp_kickoff.pdf

In the months ahead . . .

Stay up-to-date about future events that may include:

- Community Memory Days to bring in your old photos of Marshfield and have them scanned for inclusion in Marshfield Historical Society Archives
- Gatherings to share your Marshfield stories with others, young and old
- Video and interview sessions to record our stories and discussions

<https://www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org/marshfield-story-project.html>

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