

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 the last month about Marshfield Story Project:

Virtual Cohort Group Meeting

On October 3, I participated in a virtual meet and greet with our Mentor Organization and our Cohort Group that includes the eight other small and rural libraries across the country that will be working on community oral history projects.

Participants include libraries from Alaska, Iowa, Washington, Massachusetts, New York, California, Minnesota and Oregon. Projects range from creating a graphic novel and recording oral histories to preserving stories from Tribal elders in digital format and archiving a recently discovered collection from America's oldest Pacific coast settlement.

Hearing about these other projects was inspiring and as our respective projects move forward we'll share what we learn and the results of our projects.

A Visit to Vermont Historical Society

On October 24 Jenny Warshow, Michael Trupin and myself met with Paul Carnahan, Librarian, and Eileen Corcoran, Community Outreach & Media Coordinator, to learn more about Digital Vermont, <http://digitalvermont.org/>

Paul, the historical society staff and volunteers created Digital Vermont using technology called Omeka. We will be using Omeka to create a digital collection for Marshfield Historical Society. This digital collection will be accessible online and allow anyone to view and research our Marshfield history through photos, stories and videos.

Paul was able to give us a demonstration of Omeka's features and foibles. He offered advice about collection organization, proper archival storage and using metadata standards. In the future all elements of Marshfield Story Project will be part of the digital world.

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Oral History Workshop Re-scheduled

Our community workshop scheduled for November 12 with Vermont Folklife Center's Andy Kovolos was postponed due to hazardous travel conditions.

The workshop will now take place from 9:30-3:30 on Tuesday, December 3rd, in the Hap Hayward History Center at the library. Most of the preregistered attendees are still able to participate, but we also have a few open spots. If you are interested in registering, contact Tracey Hambleton for more information at 426-3383 or tracey@marshfieldinn.com

In-Person Cohort Meeting—Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On November 18, I will travel to Milwaukee for a 3-day conference with the Cohort Group. This conference is sponsored by the Mentor Organization and funded separately from the IMLS grant funding provided for Marshfield Story Project.

The conference includes a full schedule of presentations at the University of Wisconsin Digital Humanities Lab and one-on-one consultations with program experts. We'll be able to discuss our individual project needs in terms of community engagement, copyright and digital access, archival scanning, storage and more.

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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