
Route 66 in Illinois:

**A Select Preliminary Guide to Library,
Museum and Archival Resources**

June 2012

PREFACE

The institutions listed in this directory own various published or manuscript materials, such as books, magazines, videos, federal and state documents, maps, theses, oral histories, National Register of Historic Places nominations forms, vertical files, local newspaper clippings, and business ledgers. This directory was not meant to be a tourist guide to the Route 66 sites to see and does not include collections of realia, artifacts, or 3-D materials, such as classic cars, exhibits, interactive displays, etc., unless those institutions also have research materials. Only resources in Illinois were considered. Resources outside Illinois were not included, with one exception. The directory is arranged alphabetically by the name of the town, rather than geographically, as if driving down Route 66 from Chicago to St. Louis. Contact information is given for each institution.

Dr. David Dunaway, of the University of New Mexico, created the predecessor to this guide when he canvassed Illinois for the National Park Service in the mid-2000s in the quest to determine which institution would be designated the Route 66 Archives and Research Collaboration center for Illinois. Use of his topic list and headings seemed appropriate in order to make the best use of limited time for this project.

All of the institutions in his database were contacted by e-mail in 2012, as were all public libraries in towns along Route 66. Many high schools, special, and academic libraries, county historical societies, museums, archives, and a few other institutions in towns along Route 66 were invited by e-mail to provide input. Minimal telephone follow-up was done. A concerted effort to contact institutions statewide was not made, but one town not on Route 66 with an institution holding a significant collection is included. Several Route 66 experts were also asked for input. However, this directory should still be considered only preliminary.

Content gathered by Arlyn Booth.

Available on the Internet

URL: <http://www.66.postcards.com/postcards/il/index.html>
MEDIA: Postcards and photos on the Internet

Belleville

INSTITUTION: Belleville Public Library
ADDRESS: 121 East Washington Street
Belleville, Illinois 62220
CONTACT: Dana Prusacki, Archivist
E-MAIL: dana.prusacki@bellevillepubliclibrary.org
PHONE: 618-234-0441
TOPIC: BP66, Early66, IntEff, Rev66, RB, Tour66, LocalInt
MEDIA: Vertical files, books
VERTICAL FILES: Articles from local newspaper (less than 6)
BOOKS: Books by John Weiss, Cheryl Eichar Jett, Michael Dregni, Jim Hinckley, Michael Witzel, Dennis Garrels, Tom Snyder, Tom Teague and Quinta Scott

Benld

INSTITUTION: Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library
ADDRESS: 308 East Central Avenue
Benld, Illinois 62009
CONTACT: Mary Newman
E-MAIL: benldlibrary@gmail.com
PHONE: 217-835-4045
FAX: 217-835-4045
TOPIC: RB, ArchArt
MEDIA: Photographs
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Photos of Collisem Ballroom, Fassero Shell Station, and Standard Station

Berwyn

INSTITUTION: Berwyn Public Library
ADDRESS: 2701 South Harlem Avenue
Berwyn, Illinois 60402
CONTACT: Mary Frank, Ref. Serv. Mgr.
E-MAIL: MFrank@berwynlibrary.org
PHONE: 708-795-8000
FAX: 708-795-8101
TOPIC: LocalInt
MEDIA: Books, DVD, local newspaper
BOOKS: 11 Books and 1 DVD
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Unindexed local newspaper, Berwyn Life, 1927 to date

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Berwyn cont'd

INSTITUTION: Berwyn U.S. Route 66 Museum
ADDRESS: 7003 West Ogden Avenue
 Berwyn, Illinois 60402
URL: www.berwynrt66museum.org
E-MAIL: info@berwynrt66museum.org
PHONE: 708-484-9349 *FAX:* 708-484-1015
TOPIC: LocalInt
NOTES: Collecting stories, old pictures, and artifacts

Bloomington

INSTITUTION: Bloomington Public Library
ADDRESS: 205 East Olive Street, Post Office Box 3308
 Bloomington, Illinois 61702-3308
CONTACT: Karen Moen, Local History Librarian
E-MAIL: KarenM@bloomingtonlibrary.org
PHONE: 309-557-8948 *FAX:* 309-828-7312
TOPIC: LocalInt
MEDIA: Vertical files, books
VERTICAL FILES: 2: local newspaper clippings (100)
BOOKS: General Route 66 books, and specifically Illinois, such as John Weiss' 3 books
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: State maps

INSTITUTION: McLean County Museum of History
ADDRESS: 200 North Main Street
 Bloomington, Illinois 61701-3912
URL: www.mchistory.org
CONTACT: Bill Kemp, Librarian/Archivist
E-MAIL: library@mchistory.org or Bkemp@mchistory.org
PHONE: 309-827-0428 *FAX:* 309-827-0100
TOPIC: General, LocalInt
MEDIA: Oral history tapes and transcripts; vertical files; dissertation
VERTICAL FILES: Large local history collection, magazine travel articles, brochures, maps, 10-page Ty Whiteman recollection, files on Bunion Derby, Conoco Hotel and Cottage Camp Directories, Chester D. Henry, Camp Sixty-Six, Elmo M. Page, Sprague's Super Service, Stetson China Company vs. Ralph Heffernan and Steve's Café.
ORAL HISTORY: Bloomington-Normal Black History project's approximately 80 transcribed interviews; McLean County Depression History's approximately 12 transcribed interviews; Chicago and Alton railroad yards; 20th century medicine in McLean County; 20th century agriculture in McLean County.
BOOKS: 53-page "Route 66: Goin' Somewhere, the Road in McLean County" (Terri Ryburn-LaMonte).
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: 419-page dissertation "Route 66, 1926 to Present: The Road as Local History" (Terri Ryburn-LaMonte).
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Many photos of local history; mid-1990's exhibit on Route 66; Fred Walk Normal Community High School's interviews.

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Braidwood

INSTITUTION: Braidwood Area Historical Society
ADDRESS: 111 North Center Street
Braidwood, Illinois 60408-1601
CONTACT: Dee Degroh
E-MAIL: bahs111@att.net
PHONE: 815-458-6891
TOPIC: LocalInt, RB
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Pictures and information about many business on Route 66 in the olds days - Route 66 and Route 66A; local newspaper articles and written information about the businesses, Rossi Macaroni Factory and Rossi's dance hall, Braidwood Recreation Club, first to open to public on reclaimed stripmined land, Barnett's Restaurant and Gas Station, Weitz's Café, Braidwood Motel, Sinclair Gas Station, McElroy Gas Station and coal mines.

Chatham

INSTITUTION: Chatham Area Public Library
ADDRESS: 600 East Spruce Street
Chatham, Illinois 62629
URL: <http://chatham.lib.il.us>
CONTACT: Burt Fields, Local History and Genealogy Coordinator
E-MAIL: fieldsb38@hotmail.com
PHONE: 217-483-2713 **FAX:** 217-783-2361
TOPIC: BP66, Golden, RB
MEDIA: Vertical files, photos
VERTICAL FILES: Vertical files and photos of roadside business from 1920's, 1930's, and 1940's.
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: 3 photos of building/planning Route 66, 1 aerial photo and 1 business photo from the Golden Age.

Chicago

INSTITUTION: Newberry Library
ADDRESS: 60 West Walton Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610
CONTACT: Jim Akerman, Director Smith Center or Pat Morris, Map Reference Librarian
E-MAIL: akermanj@newberry.org or morrisp@newberry.org
PHONE: 312-943-9040
TOPIC: Tour66, Golden
MEDIA: Maps, guidebooks, atlases
BOOKS: Snyder's Route 66 Travelers' Guide & Roadside Companion, Wallis' Route 66, Teague's Searching for 66, Weiss' Traveling the new historic Route 66 of Illinois
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Hundreds of Illinois general road maps; every Rand McNally road map since 1926; the Auto Trails series from 1917-1925; several specialized maps and guidebooks for Route 66; Gousha's U.S. 60-66-70-80 southern routes atlases of 1939, 1940, and 1941; Jerry McClanahan and Jim Ross' 8 map series; Illinois Department of Transportation's Illinois Historic Route 66 map; Show Me Route 66 map; Rand McNally's Route 66, 66th anniversary map; and the 1923 Gray's transcontinental map.

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INSTITUTION: Ridge Historical Society
ADDRESS: 10621 South Seeley Avenue
 Chicago, Illinois 60643
CONTACT: Carol Flynn
E-MAIL: ridgehistory@hotmail.com
PHONE: 773-881-1675
NOTES: Archives/pictures on Dixie Highway

INSTITUTION: University of Illinois at Chicago
ADDRESS: 809 South Marshfield Avenue, 511 MB
 Chicago, Illinois 60612-7205
CONTACT: Mary Case, University Librarian
E-MAIL: marycase@uic.edu
PHONE: 312-996-2716 **FAX:** 312-996-0901
TOPIC: Tour66, Legal
MEDIA: Books, Reports

Collinsville

INSTITUTION: Collinsville Memorial Public Library
ADDRESS: 408 West Main Street
 Collinsville, Illinois 62234
URL: www.collinsvillelibrary.org
CONTACT: Jessica Lawrence, Adult Services Librarian
E-MAIL: jessical@mvlbdist.org
PHONE: 618-344-1112 **FAX:** 618-345-6401
TOPIC: General
MEDIA: Books
BOOKS: 30 books on Route 66

Edwardsville

INSTITUTION: Edwardsville Public Library
ADDRESS: 112 South Kansas Street
 Edwardsville, Illinois 62025
CONTACT: Judy Thompson, Reference Librarian
E-MAIL: judyt@edwardsvillelibrary.org
PHONE: 618-692-7556
TOPIC: General
MEDIA: Books
NOTES: No primary sources
BOOKS: 15 books, season 1 and 2 of Route 66 TV DVD and Route 66 magazine

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Edwardsville cont'd

INSTITUTION: Madison County Historical Museum and Archival Library
ADDRESS: 715 North Main Street
 Edwardsville, Illinois 62025
URL: www.madisoncountymuseum.org
CONTACT: Mary Westerhold
E-MAIL: mtwesterhold@co.madison.il.us
PHONE: 618-656-7569
HOURS: Wednesday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
TOPIC: Rev66, RB66 -- pre-1950 through 1985
MEDIA: Vertical files, folded road maps, postcard copies, books.
VERTICAL FILES: 50 pages-clippings (80's-90's) from 'Edwardsville Intelligencer', 'Alton Telegraph' and 'Lifetimes' (Chicago), 'Belleville News' –Democrat.
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: Route 66 Historic postcards (from which poster made US 66 Snapshots Memorial Day Parade, 1936, U.S. 66); sheet music for "Route 66", Dick Verre; Susan Grace Kelly, "There are no more kicks on Old Route 66," 'The Midwest Motorist', Journal February 1980 (illustrated locally).

Godley

INSTITUTION: Illinois Mining Museum of Godley
PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 150 South Kankakee Street
 Godley, Illinois 60407
MAILING ADDRESS: Post Office Box 163
 Braidwood, Illinois 60408
CONTACT: Monica Mack or Catherine Kostello
E-MAIL: irisheyeslabs@yahoo.com
PHONE: 815-274-4234 or 815-530-2179
NOTES: This is a brand new museum and they are just remodeling their building.

Joliet

INSTITUTION: Joliet Area Historical Museum
ADDRESS: 204 Ottawa Street
 Joliet, Illinois 60432
CONTACT: Heather Bigeck, Collections and Exhibits Manager
E-MAIL: h.bigeck@jolietmuseum.org
PHONE: 815-723-5201 extension 233
NOTES: Museum has a small archives which includes photos of some buildings and some textual materials; Route 66 Experience, with kiosks and interactive displays; researchers and students welcome with an appointment.

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Joliet

INSTITUTION: Joliet Public Library
ADDRESS: 150 North Ottawa Street
 Joliet, Illinois 60432-4192
CONTACT: Jack Tegel, Information Services Librarian
E-MAIL: jtegel@jolietlibrary.org
PHONE: 815-740-2660 **FAX:** 815-740-6161
TOPIC: General
MEDIA: Vertical files
VERTICAL FILES: 25 clippings from Joliet Star
BOOKS: 44 books or videos
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: "The End of Route 66" Scottsdale, AZ Daily Progress 7-25-85; "Route 66 Alive and Kicking," Terry Ryburn-LaMonte, Historic Illinois vol. 21 #1, June 1998; run of the local newspaper and some extinct Joliet newspapers.

Lincoln

INSTITUTION: Lincoln Public Library
ADDRESS: 725 Pekin Street
 Lincoln, Illinois 62656-2726
CONTACT: Richard Sumrall, Director
E-MAIL: directorpld@gmail.com
PHONE: 217-732-8878 **FAX:** 217-732-6273
TOPIC: Early66, IntEff, Rev66, RB, ArchArt
MEDIA: Vertical Files, books
VERTICAL FILES: Route 66 file: clippings from newspapers
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: "Our Times": "People and Culture of Logan County, Ill.: 1995-local history; Lincoln Courier 1930 microfilm; Jon Magolis, "66", 'Chicago Tribune' March 22, 1992; Diric Johnson, "Route 66 Journal", 'NY Times', March 8, 1990.

INSTITUTION: Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society
ADDRESS: 114 North Chicago Street
 Lincoln, Illinois 62656-2729
CONTACT: Bill Donath
E-MAIL: lcghs1@msn.com
PHONE: 217-732-3200
TOPIC: BP66; Early66; PreHist; IntEff; Tour66; LocalInt
MEDIA: 2-3 binders of Route 66 material
BOOKS: Flying Route 66 CD
ORAL HISTORY: 1 file on Route 66 including restaurants and other businesses
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Ongoing project of collecting 66 artifacts, like signs, mostly current tourism objects and a few business replicas.

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Litchfield

INSTITUTION: Litchfield Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center
ADDRESS: 220 State Historic Route 66, Post Office Box 43
Litchfield, Illinois 62056
URL: <http://litchfieldmuseum.org>
CONTACT: Martha Jackson (contact until Museum opens)
E-MAIL: dajmaj@litchfieldil.com
PHONE: 217-324-5337
MEDIA: Photographs, postcards
NOTES: Museum will also house the Montgomery County Genealogical Society and its collections.
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Some images online but much more held by Museum; book of postcards available for purchase and original postcard collection privately held.

Lyons

INSTITUTION: Lyons Historical Commission
ADDRESS: Zion Church
7930 Ogden Avenue
Lyons, Illinois 60534
CONTACT: Nadine Pankow
PHONE: 708-447-0753
TOPIC: General, LocalInt, RB
MEDIA: Books, scrapbooks, photos, magazines, maps
BOOKS: 6 books including Tom Teague's and 3 by Dave Clark
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: Scrapbooks and pictures of Route 66 Harlem and Ogden Avenue to curve 1940's, 1960's, and 1990's; Fairyland Park; old gypsy camp; gas station, businesses up to Lawndale Avenue on Route 66 of the past, pictures and articles on Route 66 caravan road log June 6, 2003 stopping at Hofmann Tower.
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: June 2002 issue of Pontiac, Illinois, Winter 2010/2011 issue of Route 66 magazine, few 2007 and 2010 issues of Route 66 Pulse newspaper, Illinois Historic Route 66 map and Exploring Route 66 400 Miles of Adventure Map.

McLean

INSTITUTION: Mount Hope-Funk's Grove
ADDRESS: 111 South Hamilton Street, Post Office Box 320
McLean, Illinois 61754-0320
CONTACT: Suzanne Kruger, Library Director
E-MAIL: mhfglibrary1@hotmail.com
PHONE: 309-874-2291 *FAX:* 309-874-2291
TOPIC: LocalInt
NOTES: Local history collection may include Route 66 information
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: 31 binders on local history
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: McLean Lens newspaper on film 1900-1983

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Normal

INSTITUTION: Illinois State University, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects
ADDRESS: Campus Box 3040, 310 Hovey Hall
Normal, Illinois 61790-3040
URL: www.rsp.ilstu.edu
CONTACT: Kathy Young, Director
E-MAIL: ksyoun@ilstu.edu
PHONE: 309-438-2528 *FAX:* 309-438-7912
TOPIC: BP66, Rev66, Tour66
MEDIA: Vertical files

INSTITUTION: Illinois State University, Sociology/Anthropology Department
ADDRESS: 104 Edwards Hall
Normal, Illinois 61761
E-MAIL: SociologyAnthropology@IllinoisState.edu
NOTES: Not verified in 2012
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Archeological surveys

INSTITUTION: Normal Community High School
ADDRESS: 303 Kingsley Street
Normal, Illinois 61761-2981
CONTACT: Caroline Fox
E-MAIL: foxc@unit5.org
PHONE: 309-888-6917 *FAX:* 309-452-4552
MEDIA: Books, videos
BOOKS: 5 books on Route 66 for students and videos for teachers to show students

INSTITUTION: Normal Public Library
ADDRESS: 206 West College Avenue, Post Office Box 325
Normal, Illinois 61761-0325
CONTACT: Lynn (aka Pixie) Freymann, Reference Librarian
E-MAIL: pfreyman@normalpl.org
PHONE: 309-452-1757 *FAX:* 309-452-5312
TOPIC: General
MEDIA: Books, videorecording
BOOKS: 12 books and videorecording of Diners, Drive-ins and Dives

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Odell

INSTITUTION: Odell Public Library District
ADDRESS: 301 East Richard Street, Post Office Box 347
 Odell, Illinois 60460
CONTACT: Cathy Grafton, Director
E-MAIL: odellpld@yahoo.com
PHONE: 815-998-2012 **FAX:** 815-998-2339
MEDIA: 1 box of clippings, pamphlet and articles

Pontiac

INSTITUTION: Pontiac Public Library
ADDRESS: 211 East Madison Street
 Pontiac, Illinois 61764-1931
CONTACT: Layla Johnston, Director
E-MAIL: ljohnston@pontiacpubliclibrary.org
PHONE: 815-844-7229 **FAX:** 815-844-3475
TOPIC: Tour66
VERTICAL FILES: Consists mainly of newspaper clippings from Pontiac Daily Ledger and Pantagraph
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Pamphlet by Illinois Route 66 Heritage Association "America's Byway" (2001).

INSTITUTION: Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum and Resource Center
ADDRESS: 205 North Mill Street
 Pontiac, Illinois 61764
CONTACT: Tim Dye, Director
E-MAIL: tpontiacmuseum@hotmail.com or info@pontiacoaklandmuseum.org
PHONE: 815-842-2345
TOPIC: BP66, Pre-Hist, Early66, RB
MEDIA: Books, maps, brochures, ephemera
NOTES: Museum intends to develop exhibits and special collections related to: the origins of Route 66 in Illinois; the Pontiac Trail; detailed route alignments in Pontiac and Livingston County; and historic named highways in Illinois.
BOOKS: Standard books on Route 66; 1,000 volumes on automobile travel in America.
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: 4,000 road maps: binders of official state road map and diverse collection of gas station-issued road maps; brochures and ephemera: uncataloged materials on attractions, motels, and other sites.

INSTITUTION: Route 66 Association of Illinois/Hall of Fame Museum
ADDRESS: 110 West Howard Street
 Pontiac, Illinois 61764
CONTACT: Jim Jones
PHONE: 815-844-4566
TOPIC: BP66, Early66, RB
MEDIA: Books, photos, news clippings
VERTICAL FILES: 3x4 inch flip charts with photos and clippings
BOOKS: John Weiss' personal collection of books and materials.
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: Photos of preservation projects, 5 rooms of photos; 1939 blueprint maps of Route 66 north of Pontiac; 94 Hall of Fame plaques with the information on the Hall of Famer; display cases by town in order from Chicago down.
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Bob Waldmire's bus and van, with his personal belongings.

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Romeoville

INSTITUTION: Lewis University, Library
ADDRESS: One University Parkway
Romeoville, Illinois 60446-2200
CONTACT: Robert Pruter or Mary Ann Atkins
E-MAIL: pruterro@lewis.edu
PHONE: 815-836-5664 Pruter
815-836-5665 Atkins
FAX: 815-838-9456
TOPIC: ArchArt
MEDIA: Vertical files
VERTICAL FILES: A few file folders on Route 66; a number of folder relating to certain buildings, such as the Fitzpatrick House.
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: Half an archival box of materials.

Springfield

INSTITUTION: Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
ADDRESS: 112 North Sixth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1791
CONTACT: Jane Ehrenhart, Supervisor, Reference Serv.
E-MAIL: jane.ehrenhart@illinois.gov
PHONE: 217-524-6358 *FAX:* 217-557-1773
TOPIC: Tour66, ArchArt
MEDIA: Books, vertical files, maps
VERTICAL FILES: 1 file of 10 or so items, including photocopies of Illinois Times articles and a few brochures.
BOOKS: Approximately 15 books; some issues of Route 66 News.
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: Original papers of Illinois WPA Writers' Project; Pure Oil broadsides and company photos from mostly southern states, Dealer Progress (Pure Oil periodical) and research papers from Pure Oil (Chicago) 1924-1964.
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: 2 maps; photos of towns along Route 66 but need town name to access.

INSTITUTION: Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
ADDRESS: #1 Old State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1507
CONTACT: Andrew Heckenkamp, Survey and National Register Coordinator
E-MAIL: andrew.heckenkamp@illinois.gov
PHONE: 217-785-4324
TOPIC: ArchArt
NOTES: Historic Architectural Resources Geographic Information System (HARGIS) will contain all National Register nomination forms by Fall 2012
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: National Register of Historic Places nomination forms

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INSTITUTION: Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project/Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway
ADDRESS: 700 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
CONTACT: Bill Kelly, Executive Director
E-MAIL: info@illinoisroute66.org
PHONE: 217-525-9308 **FAX:** 217-525-8004
TOPIC: Rev66
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: 3 vol. Corridor management plan; the Schmeeckle Reserve Interpreters "Illinois Historic Route 66 Interpretive Master Plan"

INSTITUTION: Illinois State Archives
ADDRESS: Margaret Cross Norton Building
Springfield, Illinois 62756-0001
CONTACT: John D. Reinhardt, Supervisor, Inventory Control Section
E-MAIL: jreinhardt@ilsos.net
PHONE: 217-524-6700 **FAX:** 217-524-3930
TOPIC: BP66
MEDIA: State governmental records
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: Illinois Division of Highway records, i.e. contracts, construction files, etc., not indexed in any fashion, would need to know SBI (state bond issue) #'s

INSTITUTION: Illinois State Library, Gwendolyn Brooks Building
ADDRESS: 300 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1796
URL: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/public/route66/home.html>
CONTACT: Tom Huber, Map Librarian
E-MAIL: islmap@ilsos.net or thuber@ilsos.net
PHONE: 217-782-5823 **FAX:** 217-524-0041
TOPIC: BP66,Rev66,Tour66
MEDIA: Books, maps, documents, vertical files, periodicals, aerial photos
VERTICAL FILES: 2 drawers of articles from Illinois newspapers, a Tom Teague vertical file (both headings lists on website)
ORAL HISTORY: Interview with Buzz Waldmire
BOOKS: Standard published books (bibliographies on website), magazines (Route 66 Magazine, 66 News, Route 66 Pulse), Keith Sculle historic collection of other states' Route 66 association newsletters, and bibliography of articles on website, and extra issues of Route 66 issues of Illinois Times.
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: Ledgers from Mt. Olive Service Station
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Federal documents by National Park Service and Bureau of Public Roads; state documents by Div. of Highways, Ill. Hist. Pres. Agency (bibliographies on website); maps (historical and modern, a select list on website) but also run of Illinois official state highway maps back to 1917, county highway maps back to 1937, and city street maps back to the 1940s; Sanborn Fire Insurance atlases for Illinois cities back to 1884; first USDA aerial photos of Illinois (see website) or <http://www.isgs.uiuc.edu/nsdihome/webdocs/ilhap>

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Springfield, Illinois 62701-1691
CONTACT: Curtis Mann
E-MAIL: Curtis.Mann@lincolnlbrary.info
PHONE: 217-753-4900 *FAX:* 217-753-5329
TOPIC: General
MEDIA: Manuscript material, vertical file
VERTICAL FILES: Sangamon Valley Collection has 3 vertical files on "Roads--Illinois--Route 66";
Reference Dept. has vertical files "Highways--Illinois" with some materials on
Route 66
OTHER MANUSCRIPTS: Historic site report for Lazy A Motel

INSTITUTION: University of Illinois at Springfield, Brookens Library
ADDRESS: Post Office Box 19243
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9243
CONTACT: Thomas Wood, Archivist
E-MAIL: wood@uis.edu
PHONE: 217-206-6633 *FAX:* 217-206-6208
MEDIA: Vertical files, news clippings, maps
ORAL HISTORY: Aikman transcripts, v. 4, pp. 314-315,376-377 at
<http://www.uis.edu/archives/memoirs/AIKMANvIV.pdf>
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: State highway maps 1950-1970

Towanda

INSTITUTION: Towanda District Library--Towanda Area Historical Collection from the collections
of the Towanda Area Historical Society
ADDRESS: Post Office Box 217
Towanda, Illinois 61776
URL: <http://www.ida.illinois.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/tdl>
E-MAIL: tahs@towandahistory.org
FAX: 309-728-2187
TOPIC: BP66, RB, LocalInt, IntEff
NOTES: 20 items are found by searching for "Route 66" in the online collection in the Illinois
Digital Archives including articles on Fred Walk's parkway preservation project,
photo of 1954 construction of northbound lanes, aerial photos, a 1940's article on
homes razed for Route 66 construction, a few business histories and a few family
histories.

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General = General Route 66 items
Golden = The Golden Age (1950s and 1960s)
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Rev66 = The revival of Route 66
Tour66 = Tourism on Route 66

Wauconda

INSTITUTION: Lake County Discovery Museum, Curt Teich Postcard Archives
ADDRESS: 27277 North Forest Preserve Road
 Wauconda, Illinois 60084
URL: http://www.lcfdp.org/teich_archives
E-MAIL: teicharchives@lcfdp.org
PHONE: 815-968-3381 **FAX:** 815-526-1545
TOPIC: Golden, ArchArt
MEDIA: Postcards
NOTES: James R. Powell Route 66 Collection consists of printed real photograph postcards of the highway and roadside architecture, mainly dating from the mid-1920's through the 1960's. Online in the Illinois Digital Archives located at <http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/lakecou66>

Wheaton

INSTITUTION: DuPage County Historical Museum
ADDRESS: 102 East Wesley Street
 Wheaton, Illinois 60187
URL: <http://www.dupagemuseum.org/>
CONTACT: Sara Buttita
E-MAIL: sbuttita@wheatonparks.org
PHONE: 630-510-4956 **FAX:** 630-665-5880
MEDIA: Vertical files, archives, maps
VERTICAL FILES: 827 VF DuPage County
 150 Fascinating Facts about DuPage County
 1600 VF National Register-Illinois National Register of Historical Places-Illinois, DuPage County (Parks of Rt. 66 road are listed on National Register of Historic Places as well as Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket in Willowbrook [Possibly Hinsdale])
 1607 VF National Register of Historic Places, The National Register of Historical Places-Illinois
 1761 VF Roads, Chicago area: Roads and Highways
 1866 VF Transportation, Looking Back: DuPage Transportation
 2385 VF Woodridge, Woodridge-Our Heritage 1959-1984
 1201 VF Hinsdale, Preservation for the future-Hinsdale's Heritage
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: 95.15.5 Box 126 Gates, Eugene L. Collection of correspondence, publicity releases, etc. from E.L. Gates, DuPage Co. Supervisor of Highways, with other related papers, 1922-1944.
 88.35.1.1-.2 Box 68 "Leonard's Vest Pocket Street Guide of Chicago and Suburbs", 1940-1946
 93.21.2.1-2 Box 261 Auto routing chain and envelope 1939. Shows distances and roads between US cities, using Chicago as the starting point.
 90.33.9 Box 166 McKinley, Senator William B. Map "Illinois Roads 1926"
 89.19.13.1-.2 Box 68 Map. Travel Illinois with Conoco.

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Williamsville

INSTITUTION: Williamsville Historical Boxcar Museum
ADDRESS: the 2 boxcars next door to the public library at 102 South Elm Street
Williamsville, Illinois 62693
CONTACT: Sarah Benner
PHONE: 217-566-3870
HOURS: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Wednesdays, but will open for special groups
TOPIC: RB, Golden
MEDIA: Photos, maps, newspaper articles
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Photos and maps 1928-1967 of old Route 66 surrounding Williamsville; collection of newspaper articles and photos of happenings on the Mother Road; collections of articles on Route 66; collections of the many filling stations in Williamsville during the era; original concrete pavement of old Route 66 from 1925; 1997 photos of the Illinois Route 66 Tour; 2 photo album binders marked "Transportation".

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