



## IDA: THE ILLINOIS DIGITAL ARCHIVES

The Illinois Digital Archives ([www.idaillinois.org](http://www.idaillinois.org)) was created in 2000 as a repository for the digital collections of the Illinois State Library as well as other libraries and cultural institutions in the state of Illinois.

There are nearly 200 collections in the Illinois Digital Archives which include:

- Photographs, slides, glass negatives
- Book Plates
- Oral histories
- Manuscripts and letters
- Illinois and federal government documents
- Postcards
- Posters
- Videos
- Newspapers
- Maps

The Archives also contain the following Illinois State Library collections:

- Illinois Veterans' History Project
- "Illinois Blue Books"
- Illinois State Highway Maps
- Railroad Maps of Illinois
- World War II posters (all have audio descriptions for the visually impaired)

Other noteworthy collections include:

- Over a dozen collections from the Curt Teich Postcard Archives, part of the Lake County Discovery Museum, recognized throughout the world as the largest public collection of postcards and related materials
- The rare book collection at the Lenhardt Library
- Unique, local history collections from the Chicago Botanic Garden, public libraries including Skokie, Quincy, Metamora, Mount Prospect, Galena and many more

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