

Historical/Archive Department Report

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Since the museum is now closed for the winter, the archive department will be on very limited operations. Most of the work that will be done during the time the museum is closed will be items that can be worked on at home by the archive staff.

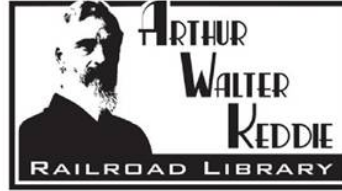
Ethan Doty has been working on the magazine collection and we have purchased another 120 magazine boxes for them. Ethan has made good progress on getting all the magazines sorted and into magazine boxes as well as starting to get the magazines inventoried.

While I spent a week in early September at the museum working on several projects, Ethan and I found 16 more boxes of magazines and hard covered books. These were moved to other locations and we completed cleaning up the inside of the PFE Reefer (next to the Simplot car). This has allowed us to create more room in the PFE car to move things around and get ready to install shelving in the car. (This will be a project in 2024.)

With the help of Greg and David Elems, we were able to get the new staircase installed on the south end of the loading dock (next to the front door). This will make it easier for all of us that have to get into the Office car and the Archive car without walking around the shop and using the ramp.

We have been making more improvements to the H/A webpages and are bringing a new level of access to some of the collections donated to the society by our members, railroad employees and the general public. This is just a start as to what we envision on releasing to our members and public. Please understand this is a "Work in Progress" and several collections have not been inventoried or processed as of yet.

Each month we release new materials to the archives pages. Please be on the lookout for these new items. The new material is announced in the Latest Museum News column on the website. The updates contain several different aspects of our collection and modeling items and I hope that we can continue to add to the photo albums that we have been working on.



If you have not visited the Historical/Archive Department web page recently, please consider looking at them to see "What's New" in the Western Pacific Documents page.

[https://wplives.org/wphistory\\_wp\\_documents.html](https://wplives.org/wphistory_wp_documents.html)

Members and the general public mostly contact us through our website using the [Info@wplives.org](mailto:Info@wplives.org) or [Historical\\_Archive\\_dept@wplives.org](mailto:Historical_Archive_dept@wplives.org), when asking questions. Emails sent to these are directed to a mailing list so that they can be addressed.

As I point out in each of my reports every month, we still need some donation help with the materials needed to keep the archives moving forward and protecting them.

Thank you to all the members of the FRRS/WPRM who contribute to the society and the archives.

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