

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND MAHONING COUNTY

MAHONING RIVER PROJECT

Special Reference Files And Collections
Main Library - Information Services Department
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LOCAL HISTORY FILES

Youngstown Vertical File

The Youngstown Vertical File was started during the 1920's and chronicles even earlier times in the area's history. It contains documents related to the local history of Mahoning County and to a lesser degree Trumbull and Columbiana Counties in Ohio and Lawrence and Mercer Counties in Pennsylvania. Sources for the Youngstown Vertical File include The Youngstown Vindicator, Business Journal, Mahoning Valley Parent, Metro Monthly, and local and national resources containing articles related to our area.

Vertical File Subject Headings Related to the Mahoning River

The following are just a few examples of the subjects contained within our Youngstown Vertical File:

Animals	Maps
Bridges	Mill Creek Park
Canals	Pollution
Dams	Pollution, Air
Floods	Pollution, Water
Floods and Flood Relief	Recreation
Geographic Names	Recycling
Geology	Soil Conservation
Historic Places	Steel Industry and Trade
Historical Society	Water Supply
History	Weather
Industrial Sites	
Mahoning River	
Mahoning Valley Historical Society	

Picture File Subject Headings

Like the Vertical File, the Picture File consists of information related to the five county area, but in the form of photographs taken from a variety of sources. It is divided into subjects. No new material is being added to this collection. The following are examples of subjects related to the Mahoning River that are covered by the Picture File:

Mahoning River
Mill Creek Park
Water Supply

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Main Library has two important special collections, which may be relevant to the study of the Mahoning River – the Lloyd [Canal] Collection and the Steel Collection. Both Collections are housed in the Information Services Department at Main Library and may be accessed during regular library hours.

Lloyd Collection

The Lloyd Collection is a compilation of printed reports, documents, and correspondence related to the once proposed canal system linking Lake Erie to the Ohio River near Pittsburgh. The collection was donated to the library by Attorney Kenneth M. Lloyd who, among other positions, served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mahoning Valley Industrial Council in the 1940s. This group was active in trying to establish water transportation between Lake Erie and the Ohio River by means of a canal. Other goals included improving the water supply in the Mahoning River Basin and developing water conservation projects. The collection includes meeting minutes, U.S. Congressional hearings, surveys, telegrams, etc., with the bulk of the collection dating from 1896 through 1967. The collection consists of printed materials, photocopies, typescripts, and photographs. Primarily a bound collection, with additional materials stored in archival boxes.

Steel Collection

The Steel Collection includes materials that describe the iron and steel industry with an emphasis on Youngstown and the surrounding area. Holdings include approximately 360 catalogued books, bound copies of local newspaper clippings, pamphlets, serials (national and local), and ephemera.