

## LIBRARY PODCAST DEBUTS THIS YEAR

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The Untitled Library Podcast, a new podcast created by the staff of the UWSP University Libraries, will officially debut in 2025. The podcast will promote library collections, discuss best practices in libraries and archives, and highlight the hard work and skills of the Libraries' staff.

Episodes will be released every other week during the semester on several podcast platforms. Topics for this semester's episodes include Video and Board Games in Libraries, Poets and Poetry, 90 FM's Trivia Contest, and a deep-dive into the *Seinfeld* episode "The Library." Episodes of the Untitled Library Podcast can be found on several podcast apps.



Follow this QR code to listen to podcast episodes!

### Research Hours:

Monday - Friday  
10 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 4:30 p.m.

### Reading Room:

Trainer Natural Resources  
Building, Room 110

### Research Appointments:

The Archives is currently open  
by appointment only.

Please email us at  
[archives@uwsp.edu](mailto:archives@uwsp.edu)  
to schedule an appointment.

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## Explore the Lasting Impact of a Portage County Community Leader



This photograph shows Helen Sigmund Van Prooyen accepting an award from UWSP. Sigmund Van Prooyen's collection will be useful to any researcher studying local politics, women's rights, or the early movement to raise awareness about mental health in Portage County.

Archives staff finished processing the Helen Sigmund Papers in December 2024. Helen Sigmund Van Prooyen first came to Stevens Point to teach physical education at UWSP, but the bulk of the collection focuses on her involvement in various community groups and organizations.

Sigmund Van Prooyen was very active in local and state politics and chaired the Portage County Democratic Party for many years. She was also involved in various women's rights organizations and was a member of the Wisconsin Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

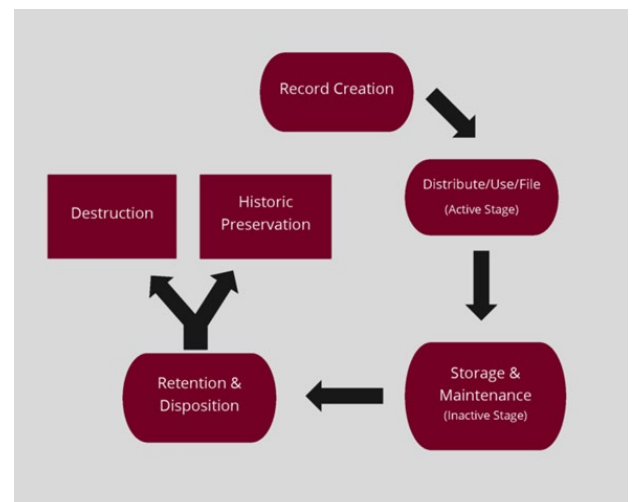
Notably, Sigmund Van Prooyen also worked to raise awareness about mental health in the community in the 1950s and 1960s. She led the Portage County Association for Mental Health and worked with other community members to try to establish a non-profit guidance clinic in Portage County.

The Helen Sigmund Papers are open to anyone interested in consulting them for their research. Please contact Archives reference staff at [archives@uwsp.edu](mailto:archives@uwsp.edu) to schedule a research appointment.

## Understanding a Record's Lifecycle

An official record is created while conducting university business. During the active period, the record is used regularly for business or legal purposes and is often updated. During the inactive period, the record is no longer actively used but is retained for compliance or reference and is often moved to long-term storage. In the final stage of the lifecycle, the record is either securely destroyed or transferred to the archives once its retention period ends. This ensures compliance with regulations and protects sensitive data.

For more information about records management, contact University Records Officer Brad Casselberry at [bcasselb@uwsp.edu](mailto:bcasselb@uwsp.edu) or visit the [Universities of Wisconsin Records Management website](https://www.uwsp.edu/libraries/archives).



This diagram from the [Universities of Wisconsin Records Management website](https://www.uwsp.edu/libraries/archives) provides a visual representation of a record's lifecycle.

## Hamilton Roddis Foundation Gift Supports Student Internships

The Archives hosts internship opportunities every semester for UWSP students interested in learning more about the archival profession. These internship positions are often funded by donations which pay each student an hourly wage during their internship and help purchase the supplies needed for the intern's processing project.

This semester, a generous donation from the Hamilton Roddis Foundation will support an intern in processing the Sara Connor Papers. This collection includes administrative papers from Connor's tenure as president of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin as well as the detailed notes and research materials Connor used in writing *Wisconsin's Flying Trees in World War II: A Victory for American Forest Products and Allied Aviation*.

Once processed, the Sara Connor Papers will complement other collections already in the Archives. For example, the Archives is the official repository for the records of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. The Archives holds the organization's administrative files along with subject files on important individuals in Wisconsin's forest history. The Connor collection will provide further insight into the organization's activities during Connor's time as president.

In addition, the Archives holds the records of the Roddis Plywood Corporation as part of the Wisconsin Historical Society's Area Research Center Collection. This collection includes business records, subject files, and correspondence relevant to the operations of the Roddis Plywood Corporation - the same company that Connor writes about in her book. Connor's research materials on the company's contributions to the war effort will complement the materials included in the Roddis Plywood Corporation's collection and paint a more detailed picture of the company's impact on Central Wisconsin and the world.

The history of forestry and the forest products industry have long been collection strengths for the UWSP Archives. Adding the Sara Connor Papers to the Archives' collection will continue to highlight the Archives as the primary destination for researchers studying the history of the lumber industry in North Central Wisconsin.



This photograph from the Sara Connor Papers shows the Roddis Corporation's sawmill in Park Falls, Wisconsin. Once processed, the collection will be available for research use in the Archives.

For over twenty years, UWSP students, faculty, and community members looked forward to the annual Winter Carnival on campus every February. The first Winter Carnival was organized in 1961 by the Outing Club and the Student Union Board Social Committee. Each year, the week-long carnival generally consisted of various events and competitions where student organizations could compete to win a traveling trophy. Some of the events included over the years were a pancake eating contest, a wood sawing race, a log throwing contest, a broom sled race, and more. As shown in this photograph, students also competed to build the best ice sculpture on the snow-covered lawn in front of Old Main.

## A Frozen Flashback: The Winter Carnival



### An Archives Haiku

**Acid-free boxes  
and folders and envelopes:  
all so expensive.**

Archival-quality storage materials are expensive, but they are necessary to ensure that collections are properly preserved. The acidic nature of some folders and boxes can cause materials to become stained and brittle over time. Depending on the state of degradation, this can make documents unreadable or cause them to disintegrate entirely. Archives always use acid-free containers to store collections to make sure they will persist and remain readable over time.

The Archives contains much more poetry than just this haiku! The Archives has collections of student literary magazines, faculty and staff publications, and newspapers that all contain poetry written by UWSP students, faculty, and staff. If you're interested in exploring these poetry collections, email Archives reference staff at [archives@uwsp.edu](mailto:archives@uwsp.edu) to schedule a research appointment.

