

**About Us:** South Peace Regional Archives began operating in January 2000 as a project of the Grande Prairie Museum. On July 30, 2007, the South Peace Regional Archives Society was formed. The Archives is funded by the City of Grande Prairie, County of Grande Prairie, Municipal District of Greenview, and Municipal District of Spirit River. The Archives is a member of the Archives Society of Alberta and follows the Canadian Rules of Archival Description.

**Activities: The archives has the following functions:**

- Acquire records from individuals, families, organizations, businesses, and municipalities in the south Peace River Country.
- Appraise, arrange, and describe records to create a finding aid which tells about the collection.
- Re-house the records in acid-free files and boxes, and place them in our dedicated storage area where access is controlled and the climate is carefully monitored.
- Assist researchers in accessing archival records, reference files and library.
- Engage in outreach events to raise awareness about the Archives.



*Thank you for considering South Peace Regional Archives. Your support is crucial for us to accomplish our purpose, vision, and mandate. We look forward to working with you in the future to help encourage your students to become familiar with their past and ensure that our heritage is passed on to future generations.*



## SOUTH PEACE REGIONAL ARCHIVES

# Information for Teachers



**Our Purpose:** To promote and encourage the appreciation and study of the history of the south Peace River District of Alberta. This is accomplished by acquiring, preserving and making accessible to the public records in any format which reflect the cultural, political, social and economic life of the area, and by engaging the public interest in this history through displays, events and publications.

**Our Vision:** A Regional Archives housing the historical records of municipalities, organizations, businesses and individuals from the south Peace River Country of Alberta. This archives will contribute to our communities' understanding of the world by letting them become familiar with their past, and ensure that our inheritance is passed on to future generations.

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We are located in the Grande Prairie Museum, Muskoseepi Park, Grande Prairie

# We Would be Happy to Hear from You When... (or What We Can Do For You)

## Your students have research assignments on local history

If your students are looking for resources for local history, point them in our direction. We have an extensive reference library and reference files matters of local interest. We also have more than 400 collections of original material for students requiring primary sources relating to life in the south Peace River country.

## Your class is participating in Heritage Fair

Do your students need ideas for projects or help finding sources for local stories? Archives staff are ready to help. Students should call ahead for an appointment.

## You need a local history presentation.

Archives staff are willing to do short presentations for groups of teachers/classes on topics related to archives and local history. We can also accommodate small groups for tours of the Archives (recommended for only Grades 10 and up) and an introduction to what we do.

## You are looking for sources for local history and photographs.

Are you doing a local history unit in your classroom? Is your school celebrating an important anniversary? We have numerous photographs and documents available that may be helpful to you. Contact us or check out the online resources on the next page.

## Your own records need a new home.

The Archives depends on donations of material from people like you! We are interested in acquiring records of any form (documents, photographs, film, video, audio, etc.) that document the life and activities of South Peace people, families, organizations, businesses, governments, etc. Contact us for more information.

**We want the holdings of South Peace Regional Archives to be widely used to support the study and appreciation of history in the South Peace, at all levels. If there is anything else you think we might be able to help you with, please contact us.**

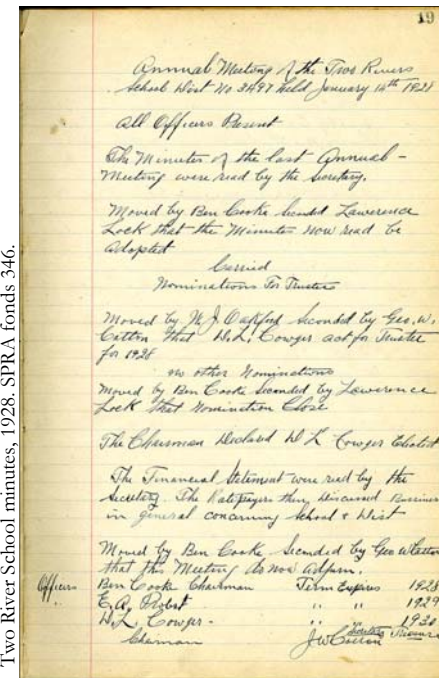
# Online Resources

South Peace Regional Archives has a number of resources available on our website, [www.southpeacearchives.org](http://www.southpeacearchives.org):

- Alberta InSight link for digitized photographs from SPRA's holdings (mainly local content)
- Alberta InWord link for digitized documents from SPRA's holdings (mainly local content)
- ANA (Archives Network of Alberta) link for descriptions of holdings at SPRA
- Research guides and pamphlets
- Virtual exhibits
- Newsletters



Emmaus Lutheran School, 1932.  
SPRA 266.13



Two River School minutes, 1928. SPRA fonds 346.

The **Archives Society of Alberta (ASA)** has developed several online resources designed for school use, which are available through their website ([www.archivesalberta.org](http://www.archivesalberta.org)):

## • What Makes Us Canadian Virtual Exhibit

Investigate the ways in which Alberta fits into Canadian society and culture. (Grade 4)

## • Letters from the Trunk

Learn about immigration to Alberta as you explore letters, photographs and oral histories from the immigrants themselves! (Grades 4, 10, 11; in English and French)

## • Seeing With New Eyes: A Journey Through Blackfoot Knowledge

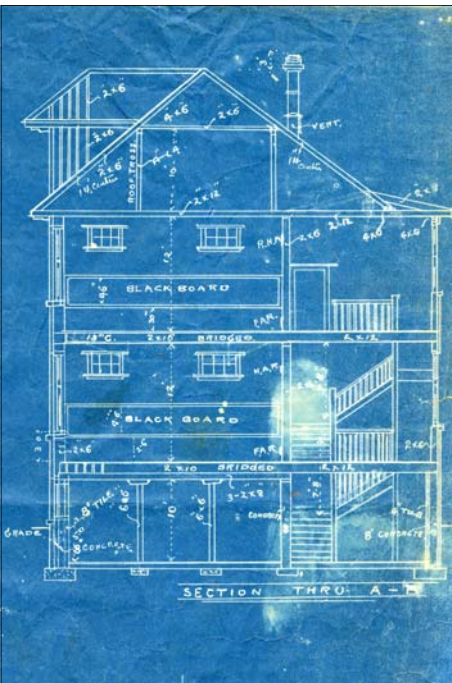
How do aboriginal peoples balance traditional identities in the modern world? Discover Blackfoot identity and traditional stories. (Grades 10, 11, 12)

## • Prairie Populism

Explore populist politics and participatory democracy in Alberta from the early 1900s to the present! (Grades 11, 12)

## • Archives Tutorial

Take a behind-the-scenes virtual tour of the Provincial Archives of Alberta.



Montrose School Blueprint, 1917. SPRA fonds 356.