

## Planning a Visit?

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- \* Bring materials to help guide your search
- \* Bring quarters for microfilm readers and copier
- \* Free parking is available for library visitors in our lot on the north side of the library, at the corner of McKean and E. Brady Streets



## Find Us!

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218 N. McKean Street  
Butler, PA 16001

[www.https://www.butlerlibrary.info/](https://www.butlerlibrary.info/)

## Weir Room Hours

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Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Sunday

Closed

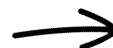
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## LOCAL COLLECTIONS

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## Onsite Local Collections & Resources

### Family Histories Collection

The library has a large collection of family histories donated by researchers. There are currently over **800** family histories included in the collection.

### Butler County Histories Collection

Four county histories were written and published in 1883, 1895, 1909, and 1927. Each contains a history of each township including information about churches, schools, and other social organizations. These histories contain a wealth of biographical information.

### Microfilm Collection

Our microfilm collection includes newspapers, probate files, Census records, Sanborn insurance maps, County Poor Farm records, and select early county records like tax lists and election rolls. We also have 5 microfilm readers with printing capabilities.

### Vertical File Collections

The vertical files contain smaller collections of family histories and records of local interest such as newspaper clippings related to churches, schools, organizations, businesses, events, and more. Currently, there are approximately **1,300** family-specific vertical files and approximately **3,200** local interest vertical files.

### Cemetery Inventory & Index

Completed in the 1970s, the five-volume Butler County Cemetery inventory and accompanying index is the most comprehensive list for county burials. The inventory includes names, dates, and any inscriptions were noted from the stones themselves, as well as a general order of graves in relation to others within each cemetery.

### Polk City Directories

The City Directories provide business and personal address information within the city. The city directories include the capability to perform a reverse look up using an address to identify the individual who lived there at a specific point in time, which can be useful for researching the history of a property.

### Maps

Two maps often used for research are the 1858 and 1874 maps of Butler County. Each indicates the names of landowners in each township, with the 1874 map also including the names of landowners for select towns. A copy of the 1858 map hangs on the wall in the Weir Room and is available in book form with an index. The 1874 atlas is only available as a bound volume. Other miscellaneous county maps are also available.

### Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry Library Edition is a research tool offering a wide range of international genealogical information available online, with more than 5 billion names in thousands of collections. Ancestry Library Edition is available for in-library use at the Butler Area Public Library.



## Weir Room

In 1987, the Edgar Weir family provided for the creation of a resource room where family and local history could be researched. Located on the second floor of the Butler Area Public Library, the room is available by elevator or stairs. Here you will find the largest genealogical collection in Butler County.

The Weir Room is open to the public for self-directed research during the following hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

If you anticipate needing staff assistance during your visit, please call or email ahead to confirm Information Services staff availability.

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