

Services

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Please, no pens, food, drinks, or chewing gum.

Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm

Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 9am-4pm

Sunday Noon-4pm

Closed weekends in Summer

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Some of the resources in the Chicopee Room have been digitized and are available on the library's archives page:

[CHICOPEEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/
ARCHIVES](http://CHICOPEEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/ARCHIVES)

Soldiers Record
Chicopee Weekly Journal
The Olive Leaf Newsletter
City Directories
Civil War Exhibit

Chicopee Public Library

History Room

Emily L. Partyka Main Library

449 Front Street

Chicopee, Mass. 01013

413-594-1800 x108



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Historical Collections

Chicopee Municipal Reports (1848-1977)

Chicopee Soldiers Record– Handwritten ledger containing the records of service of almost 600 men from Chicopee who served in the Civil War.

City directories (for Chicopee, the directories begin in 1875-76) 1875-1901, 1906, 1911-12, 1916, 1919-33, 1935-38, 1940, 1942-43, 1945, 1947-48, 1950-58, 1960-71, 1974-78, 1980, 1984, 1986-89

Historical Photographs - Miscellaneous photographs relating to the history of Chicopee in addition to 2 Albums of Black & White Photographs (with Index) of Chicopee taken by Russ H. Gilbert, Chicopee reporter for the Springfield Union (1917-1922).

Maps - Chicopee Maps (various 1855-1916)

Chicopee Sanbourne Fire Insurance Maps 1915
Springfield (1897-1972)
Hampden County (1857)

Published books related to Chicopee History, including local biographies, industry histories, geological and environmental overviews, as well as books about surrounding cities and towns.

Scrapbooks - WWII Chicopee Soldiers , Operation "Little Vittles" (WWII), Chicopee City Baseball League (1950)

Street Listings (from voter lists, 1939 – present)

Vertical Files - Newspaper clippings and pamphlets related to people and events in and around Chicopee organized by topic, including historical homes files compiled by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Yearbooks - Chicopee High School (1942-2001)
Chicopee Comprehensive (1964-2002)
various years are missing

Newspaper Collections

- Westover Flier (Westover Air Base newspaper, 1955 - 1970)
- Olive Leaf (mill newspaper, 1843)
- The Weekly Journal (2 bound volumes, 1853-1856)
- Fisk Bulletin (from the Fisk Athletic Club and Social Association, 1917 - 1920)
- Chickuppy (1977-1987)



Microfilm Collections

Vital Records:

Index to births: 1848 – 1909

Register to Births: 1848 – 1903

Index to Intentions of Marriage: 1848 – 1890

Register of Marriage Intentions: 1848 – 1903

Index to Marriages: 1848 – 1909 Last page of M's

Index to Marriages: 1891 – 1909 (P – Z)

Register of Marriages: 1848 – 1890

Index to Deaths: 1848 – 1912

Register of Deaths: 1848 - 1906

Republican Newspaper:

1982-Present

The Chicopee Public Library is now an official FamilySearch Affiliate Library. This means microfilm may be ordered from FamilySearch.org and sent to the Chicopee Public Library. The Chicopee Room has one ScanPro 2000 microfilm reader. The shipping cost for the microfilm is at the researcher's expense. For more information please visit:

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Introduction_to_LDS_Family_History_Centers

Donations

The primary purpose of the Chicopee Public Library's History Room is to promote the study of the history of Hampden County with a special focus on Chicopee. We actively collect manuscript material, photographs, and records that support research into the history of Chicopee politics, communities, and cultural life, as well as material documenting the history of families and businesses associated with Chicopee. This includes materials from before 1848 when Chicopee was still a part of Springfield.

For a full view of our donation policy, please visit the library's webpage:

http://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org/lib_info/policies.html

For more information about the donation process, please contact Reference Librarian, Brigitte Bisailon at 413-594-1800 x109, bbisailon@cwmars.org or send a letter to describe the materials you may wish to donate. Acceptance of donations is contingent on the Librarian's examination of the items, application of the donation policy, and the signing of a formal deed of gift.

