Volunteer with the King County Archives

You can help bring local history alive today and preserve it for future generations!

The mission of the Archives is to serve the public and agencies of King County by collecting, preserving, holding in trust, and facilitating access to County records of enduring historical value that document its land, people, culture, and governance. Through our service, we strive to foster appreciation and understanding of King County’s origins and continuing history. Volunteering at the Archives helps fulfill this mission!

You might be interested in...
Records in the Archives span the history of King County, from the 1850’s to modern times. They document a range of topics, such as Pacific Northwest settlement, the environment, business and industry, genealogy, arts and culture, housing, private land ownership, criminal justice, public health, civil rights, and more.

If you are interested in a specific topic, we may be able to design volunteer projects to match your interests.

Volunteering at the Archives is also a great way to develop skills and gain work experience in a friendly and supportive environment.

Time commitment:
Depending on the type of volunteer work, we generally request a commitment of two to six months. The number of hours you volunteer and your weekly schedule can be flexible.

Location: We are located in the Central Area at 1215 E Fir St.

Experience and skills required:
People with a range of backgrounds, education, and work experience can find a place at the Archives. Contact us to discuss what volunteer work might suit you!

In order to volunteer you must:
- Complete and submit a volunteer application.
- Be at least 16 years old. Volunteers under age 18 must have written approval from parent or legal guardian.
- Complete a brief in-person interview and provide a personal or professional reference.

Volunteer Opportunities

Customer service
Shelving and filing archival records
Preparing records for preservation
Describing records for online research
Helping with Web and social media sites
Scanning and photocopying
Data entry and quality control
Research

To learn more or to request an application, contact us at archives@kingcounty.gov or (206) 205-1396.