Established at the 1988 annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists, the Lesbian and Gay Archives Roundtable (LAGAR) helps researchers locate and access sources needed to write about LGBT history. LAGAR also advocates the responsible preservation of relevant documents by encouraging all archival repositories to document LGBT issues that relate to their existing collections and missions. It also encourages people who know about worthy documents to help place them in an appropriate archives.

Creating and maintaining a comprehensive guide to repositories of primary sources on LGBT topics is a crucial service that LAGAR provides. Working from Elizabeth Knowlton’s “Documenting the Gay Rights Movement,” (Provenance: Journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists, v. 5, no. 1, 1987), a 1987 list by the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Archives and Libraries (IALGAL), and a list maintained by LAGAR member Douglas Haller, in 1996 members of LAGAR’s Directory Committee (Kim Brookes, Chair; Scott Andrew Bartley, Mimi Bowling, James Cartwright, John Paul Deley, Susan Edwards, Paula Jabloner, Brenda Marston, Mark Martin, Stephen Novack, Nancy Richard, Susan von Salis, and Rich Wandel) made telephone calls, conducted surveys, and followed up with approximately 140 institutions. Detailed data, including contact information, access policies and services for researchers, collection descriptions, and collecting policies, were gathered and in 1998 published online as “Lavender Legacies: Guide to Sources in North America” (http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/lagar/home.htm). An abbreviated and updated version of this appears here as a useful guide to both researchers and potential donors of historical papers, both in the United States and Canada.

The committed group of archivists who volunteered to ensure this 2003 version contained current, accurate information consisted of Cheryl Beredo, Aimee Brown, John Paul Deley, Laura Elizabeth Helton, Stephen Janick, Stephen E. Novak, Deborah A. Richards, and Amy Schindler.

The repositories listed here all maintain non-circulating collections. Most contain unique items such as personal letters, diaries, correspondence, and minutes from organizations. Collections of ephemera (flyers, posters, political buttons, and other objects generally not created with the intention of a long life) and non-circulating collections of printed items, rare books, and pamphlets are also included. The variety of institutions includes state archives, college and university libraries, manuscript repositories, public
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libraries, and community-run historical societies. Some focus exclusively on LGBT materials; others have a broader focus. In order to be included in this guide, repositories must provide some access to researchers, though the extent of these services varies greatly. Information was accurate as of 2003, and it is recommended to call or check the organization's website for updates and changes.

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Appendix: Repositories with LGBT Materials in the U.S. and Canada

**UNITED STATES**

**CALIFORNIA**

**AIDS History Project**

**Location:** University of California at San Francisco Library and Center for Knowledge Management
Archives and Special Collections
530 Parnassus Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94143-0840

**Telephone:** 415-476-8112

**Contact:** Lisa Mix, Manager, Archives and Special Collections

**Email:** archives-info@library.ucsf.edu

**Website:** http://www.library.ucsf.edu/collres/archives/

**Collecting areas:** Additional phases of the AIDS History Project are currently being considered. A natural area in which the AIDS History Project could expand is documentation of the community research effort.

**Bullough Collection on Human Sexuality**

**Special Collections and Archives**

**Location:** University Library
California State University, Northridge
18111 Nordhoff St.
Northridge, CA 91330-8326

**Telephone:** 818-677-2597 or 818-677-2832

**Contact:** Tony Gardner, Curator of Special Collections and Archives

**Email:** Tony.Gardner@csun.edu

**Website:** http://library.csun.edu/spcoll/hbspcoll.html

**Collecting areas:** All areas of human sexuality.

**Exodus Trust Archives of Erotology**

**Location:** 1523 Franklin Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

**Telephone:** 415-928-1133

**Contact:** Ted McIlvenna

**Email:** drted@sashs.edu

**Website:** http://www.sashs.edu/

**Collecting areas:** Twenty-six specialty libraries which include books, art, film, erotic memorabilia, manuscripts, and dissertations.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society**

**Location:** 657 Mission St., #300
San Francisco, CA 94105

**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 424280
San Francisco, CA 94142

**Telephone:** 415-777-5455

**Contact:** Kim Klausner, Library and Archives Director

**Email:** archives@glbthistory.org

**Website:** http://www.glbthistory.org

**Collecting areas:** Organizational records, personal papers, ephemera, and periodicals relating primarily to the LGBT history and culture of Northern California, but also including material from groups around the world and LGBT life before 1970.

**James C. Hormel Gay & Lesbian Center**

**Location:** San Francisco Public Library
100 Larkin Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Telephone:** 415-557-4566

**Contact:** Jim Van Buskirk, Program Manager

**Email:** jimv@sfpl.org

**Website:** http://sfpl4.sfpl.org/glcenter/home.htm
http://sfpl4.sfpl.org/librarylocations/main/glcenterarchival.htm

**Collecting areas:** The gay and lesbian collections contain unpublished materials focusing on northern California, while published works are national and international in scope. Particular attention is paid to materials dealing with people of color, people with disabilities, youth, the elderly, and other traditionally under-served groups. Formats include books, magazines, manuscripts, films, videos, photographs, posters, recordings, ephemera, and memorabilia.

**June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives**

**Location:** 626 No. Robertson Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

**Telephone:** 310-659-2478

**Email:** mazercoll@earthlink.net

**Website:** http://www.lesbian.org/mazer

**Collecting areas:** Throughout California, especially Southern California. Also includes material from other regions throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, and Asia. The majority of these materials are publications.

**Lambda Archives of San Diego**

**Location:** 1010 University Ave., Box 1885
San Diego, CA 92103-3395

**Telephone:** 619-260-1522

**Contact:** Sharon Parker, Board president

**Email:** lgshssd@aol.com

**Website:** http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~clgoyne/lghssd/homepage.html

**Collecting areas:** Emphasis on the history and activities of LGBT people in the San Diego County (California) / Tijuana (Baja California Norte, Mexico) Region. Also includes information on LGBT culture worldwide.

**Lavender Library, Archives and Cultural Exchange**

**Location:** 1414 21st Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 987
Sacramento, CA 95812

**Telephone:** 916-492-0558

**Contact:** Michael Colby

**Email:** sacmwb@pacbell.net

**Website:** http://www.lavenderlibrary.org