

Southwestern Ontario Digital Archive (SWODA) Annual Report

The information covers the period: July 1st, 2019 – June 30th, 2020

SWODA Publications

<https://scholar.uwindsor.ca/swoda>

All publications can be downloaded, or viewed online with the Bepress Viewer, from Scholarship@UWindsor (<https://scholar.uwindsor.ca>).

All publications can also be viewed online or downloaded from the Internet Archive (<https://archive.org>).

Statistical Overview

City of Windsor Directories

Coverage from 1888-1969

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	9,804 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	6,683 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	21,664 views/downloads

Essex County (Ontario) High School Yearbooks

A selection (73) of pre-1960 yearbooks; these have only been online for a few months

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	2,986 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	900 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	559 views/downloads

Essex County (Ontario) Newspapers

A selection (14) to complement the [Our Ontario Community Newspapers](#) database; many of the titles have only been online for a few months

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	568 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	269 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	143 views/downloads

SWODA: University of Windsor Publications

1 new title was added in 2019-2020 for a total of 18 publications.

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	555 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	199 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	693 views/downloads

SWODA: Windsor and Region Publications

4 new titles were added in 2019-2020 for a total of 110 publications.

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	8,644 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	3,265 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	8,614 views/downloads

The Ambassador Yearbook

Covers the years 1939-1977

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	1,435 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	818 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	791 views/downloads

The Assumption College Calendar

Covers the years 1902-1956; has not been online for a full year

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	448 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	57 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	345 views/downloads

The Assumption College Purple and White

Covers the years 1924-1959

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	878 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	126 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	1,741 views/downloads

The Assumption College Review

Covers the years 1908-1910; has not been online for a full year

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	322 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	33 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	88 views/downloads

The Assumption High School Yearbook

Covers the years 1940-1956; has not been online for a full year

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	633 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	290 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	136 views/downloads

The Lance

Covers the years 1959-2019; the last 10 years have been online for less than a year

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	1,623 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	449 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	3,911 views/downloads

The Weekly Assumption Collegian

Covers the years 1921-1922

Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	269 downloads
Scholarship@UWindsor 2019-2020:	10 additional metadata page hits
Internet Archive 2019-2020:	78 views/downloads

SWODA Images

<http://swoda.uwindsor.ca>

As of June 30th, 2020, the database contains 3,480 historical photographs, postcards, and ephemera of southwestern Ontario – primarily of Windsor and Essex County. For the period of July 2019 – June 2020, SWODA Images had 75,350 users and 274,855 page views.

The Twitter account: SWODA@SWODAUWindsor started in September 2017. Generally, images with text are tweeted once a week to hashtags ThrowbackThursdays and YQG. The account currently has 220 followers and made 74,200 impressions (no. of times users saw the tweets on Twitter) between July 2019 and June 2020.

Descriptive Notes

Collections Completed and Underway

Work on the following collections was completed in 2019-2020. These collections are now available online at Scholarship@UWindsor and the Internet Archive:

The Lance: student newspaper 1959-2019
The Assumption College Calendar 1902-1956
The Assumption College Review 1908-1910

There are also collections that became partially available online during 2019-2020. More items will be added in the coming year:

Assumption College high school yearbook: 1940-1956
Essex County (Ontario) newspapers: 14 titles
Essex County (Ontario) high school yearbooks: 73 pre-1960 volumes

The following collections have been partially digitized and processed, but are not yet online:

St. John's Church (Sandwich, Ontario). Registers:

The registers of births, christenings, marriages, and burials cover the years 1802-1915. They are regularly used and are becoming very fragile. To reduce the physical deterioration and to improve access, we have begun digitizing them. David Hutchinson and other members of the OGS are doing most of the work. To-date, books 1-19 (1802-1900) have been completed.

University of Windsor Calendars:

These include print undergraduate, graduate, general, and other calendars from 1956-2008. For the most part, we are working backwards in time. Only about 10% of the work has been completed so far.

Collections Usage

Most collections saw moderate increases in usage during 2019-2020. The Lance student newspaper was particularly well-used. Although only a small number of new items were added to the SWODA Images database, there was a large increase in the number of page views, and the number of users increased by 71% over the previous year.

Other Activities

Thanks primarily to Devon Mordell, we created online archival copies for the SWODA Images database and the Windsor Police negatives collection. This was done using Permafrost and Archivematica.

Several of us have attended and participated in the SWOHC (Southwestern Ontario Heritage Council) meetings.

As well as some general promotion and the Twitter account, we are in the process of creating OMEKA websites to increase awareness of our collections.

General

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that many SWODA activities have been on hold, or delayed, since the middle of March

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