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Take a Photo for "One Day In Hillsdale"

The Hillsdale Free Public Library invites the public to participate in the creation of a photo essay book. Residents and passersby may submit photographs and descriptive text that illustrate a typical day in Hillsdale. Pictures may be taken on any day during National Library Week, April 15-22.

This project is intended to capture how residents of Hillsdale live today. What clothing is in style? What cars are driven? What businesses are patronized? What do our streetscapes and parks look like? What do people do with their leisure time? Library Director, David Franz explains, "The library collection currently contains many old photographs and newspapers that capture Hillsdale's history. There is some concern that today's local culture is not being documented, collected and preserved for the study and enjoyment of future generations. When patrons look upon an old photo of Broadway from the 1910s they marvel at the old cars and clothes. What happens today becomes tomorrow's history."

The photographs and descriptive text will be organized and edited into a hardbound book. Copies will become a permanent part of the library's local history collection. Other copies may be borrowed from the circulating collection. Patron's who wish to purchase their own copy will be able to through a print-on-demand service. The book will be revealed in September, during National Library Card Sign-Up month.

The success of this project depends upon community participation. Digital photographs are encouraged, but regular prints are acceptable. The Friends of the Library are encouraging participation by giving away disposable cameras at the circulation desk. Photos may be e-mailed to franz@bccls.org. For more information, and to obtain the necessary release forms visit the library website at: <http://hillsdale.bccls.org> or call 201-358-5072.

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Photo of Hillsdale's 50th anniversary parade, October 1948, from the collection of the Hillsdale Free Public library



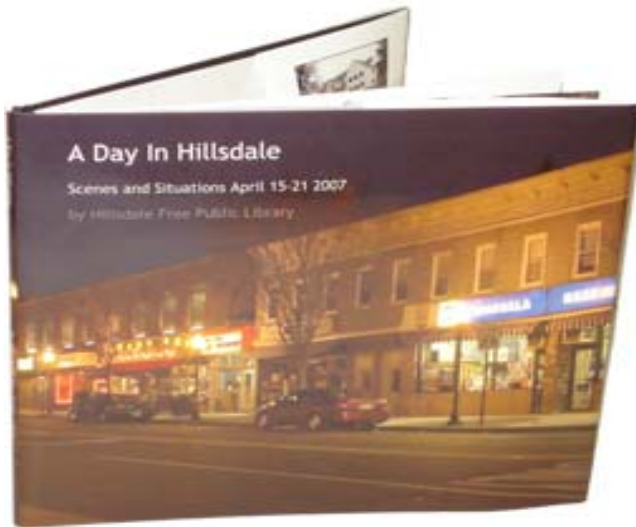
FOLLOW-UP PRESS RELEASE

Photo Book of Hillsdale to be Available on Hillsdale Day

The Hillsdale Free Public Library will reveal “A Day In Hillsdale: Scenes and Situations,” on Saturday, September 15th at Hillsdale’s Day In the Park celebration. Residents were invited to take photographs of anyone and anything that happened in Hillsdale during National Library Week, April 15-21, 2007. Thirty photographers submitted photographs. The result is an 80 page, hardbound book containing 165 photographs of people, places, businesses, houses, events and “odd sights.”

“The Library Board and Staff are proud to have produced a book that captures Hillsdale as it is today,” says library director, David Franz. “The library possesses many old photographs of Hillsdale, but we are attempting to preserve images of the town for future generations to look back upon.” The book was composed and edited by library staff. Printing services were provided by Blurb.com, on on-line book publishing service. Funding for this project was provided by the Friends of the Library. Two copies will become a permanent part of the library’s local history collection. Several copies may be borrowed from the circulating collection. A limited number of books will be printed and available for sale at the library. Individuals wishing to purchase their own copy will be directed to the library’s on-line bookstore at Blurb.com.

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