



## Why Archives?

Archives preserve the records of yesterday and today for future use. Why is this important?

- Archives ensure that historically significant records are systematically described and, wherever possible, available for a variety of research uses, including teaching purposes, building plans, publications, television and radio programs, plays, and legal proceedings.
- Archives serve as society's collective memory. They provide evidence of the past and promote accountability and transparency of past actions.
- Archives help people to understand their history and the role of particular organizations, individuals and movements in shaping that past. Knowledge of the past creates a better future.
- Archives help to foster and promote a sense of community and identity.