

Sam Merrifield Library Community Heritage Collection:

Collection Highlights:

- Published and unpublished material on the Moonee Valley area, including:
 - Local government
 - Environment – parks, waterways
 - Racing and local sports, including AFL
 - Airport and transport
 - Historic buildings
 - Local newspapers

Publicly accessible collection:

- Open access collection consisting of items in the following categories:
 - Religion & Religious Institutions
 - Immigration & Immigrants
 - Council Publications
 - Environment
 - Industry, business & agriculture
 - Military & Wars
 - Schools & Education
 - Transport
 - Health & Welfare
 - Art, culture, buildings & architecture
 - Sport
 - Family History
 - Victoria
 - Melbourne
 - North-West Melbourne
 - Moonee Valley
 - Flemington, Kensington, Newmarket & Travancore
 - Aberfeldie, Ascot Vale, Essendon & Moonee Ponds
 - Essendon Fields, Strathmore & Strathmore Heights
 - Airport West & Niddrie

- Avondale Heights, Keilor & Keilor East
- Local newspapers in hard copy:
 - Essendon Gazette (and Keilor, Bulla and Broadmeadows Reporter)/Moonee Valley Gazette/ Moonee Valley Leader: 1967 – 1990
 - News: 1968 – 1974
 - Real Estate News: 1981 – 1990
- Local newspapers on microfiche:
 - Essendon Gazette
 - Moonee Valley Gazette
 - Moonee Valley Leader
 - Essendon & Flemington Chronicle
 - West Bourke Times
 - Community News
 - Moonee Valley Community News
 - North West Suburbs Community News
 - Flemington Spectator
- Directories:
 - Port Phillip Directory
 - Victorian Municipal Directory
 - Sands & McDougall

Collection in storage (accessible on request):

- Local history file:
 - A collection of clippings and ephemera on a wide range of local topics.
- Essendon Historical Society Newsletter (and index to the newsletter).
- Essendon Historical Journal
- Keilor Historical Society Newsletter: 1990-2015
- Magazines from local schools:
 - Essendon Technical School
 - Strathmore High School
- Library Service documents:
 - Annual Reports
 - Business Plans
 - Material related to the closure and re-opening of Ascot Vale Library
 - Other miscellaneous ephemera related to Moonee Valley Libraries

- Clippings relating to the library service
- Photographs:
 - A large collection of photographs of the local area, both acquired and produced by the library service.
 - Many are digitized, and available on the catalogue.
 - Others may be access restricted due to condition.

Services:

- Community Heritage Librarians are available most days to assist with enquiries, over phone, email, or in person.
- Microform reader can be used to view personal material as well as library microform.
- The Avondale Heights Library & Learning Centre Makerspace has dedicated film scanners as well.