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**GOVERNOR KAY IVEY ISSUES ARCHIVES MONTH PROCLAMATION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER;  
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY ANNOUNCES ARCHIVES MONTH PROGRAMMING**

Montgomery, AL (09/30/21) – Governor Kay Ivey today issued a proclamation recognizing October as Alabama Archives Month and paying tribute to the essential role of records in creating government accountability and connecting today's generations with their forebears. Representatives from the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), the Society of Alabama Archivists, and several repositories from around the state were in attendance.

The state recognition aligns with American Archives Month, promoted annually by the Society of American Archivists as an opportunity for the public to become more familiar with the services provided by archives and archivists in collecting, preserving, and sharing records that tell the stories of the past.

Following the proclamation ceremony, the ADAH announced its Archives Month schedule of activities. These programs will be offered **online only**, livestreaming on the ADAH's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/alabamaarchives](http://www.facebook.com/alabamaarchives)) and YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/alabamaarchives](http://www.youtube.com/alabamaarchives)).

- **Monday, October 4, at 12:00 pm – *Research Rundown: History & Genealogy How-To***
  - Representatives from local Alabama archives will discuss how their institutions preserve the history of their communities.
- **Tuesday, October 5, at 12:00 pm – *history/now: Conversations on the Past + Present***
  - *Redistricting in Alabama After the 2020 Census* – Attorneys and former legislators will explore the history of redistricting and provide insight into the process, public involvement, and the stakes of this important work.
- **Sunday, October 10 – Electronic Records Day**
  - Using the hashtag #ERecsDay on social media, the ADAH will join other state archives to raise awareness of the special challenges associated with preserving electronic records.
- **Wednesday, October 13, at 12:00 pm – *Alabama Women's History Series: Women in the Progressive Era***
  - Dr. Sheena Harris and Dr. Marty Olliff will discuss the lives and accomplishments of two early twentieth century Alabama women, Margaret Murray Washington and Alma Rittenberry.
- **Wednesday, October 13 – #Ask an Archivist Day on Twitter (@AlabamaArchives)**
  - ADAH archivists will respond to questions tweeted with the hashtag #AskAnArchivist.
- **Monday, October 18, at 9:00 am – *Untangling the Web: Finding Your Alabama Ancestors in Cyberspace***
  - A free genealogy workshop on the wide variety of online resources available for family history research. Pre-registration is required and will be available at [archives.alabama.gov](http://archives.alabama.gov) beginning October 1.
- **Thursday, October 21, at 12:00 pm – *From Marion To Montgomery: The Early Years of Alabama State University*, presented by Joseph Caver**
  - The ADAH's monthly Food For Thought program presented by a former ADAH archivist
- **Thursday, October 28, at 12:00 pm – A virtual tour of the ADAH's EBSCO Research Room**

For more information about these programs, call (334) 353-4689 or email [alex.colvin@archives.alabama.gov](mailto:alex.colvin@archives.alabama.gov).

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, a special collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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