

CollectiveAccess Minnesota

Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums



What is CollectiveAccess MN?

Private Collection Management System
Collaboratively managed by the Minnesota Alliance
of Local History Museums.

Developed to solve issues with existing Collection
Management systems.

Modeled after NovaScotia and Connecticut
consortiums.

Access to MNCollections.org

Advantages of CollectiveAccess MN

Inexpensive

Collaborative

Open-Source

Public display option included

Unlimited users

Local Training and Support

Link People, Objects, Organizations, & Places

Geographic referencing

Customizable

Powerful batch editing

Easy data cleanup

Demo

[Sandbox.malhm.org](https://sandbox.malhm.org)

MNCollections.org

How Much Does It Cost?

The annual fee for MALHM members is \$300 per year to cover the shared webhosting costs. This is the only recurring cost.

Initial costs include:

- Set-up of your organization's private system and inclusion into MNCollections.org is \$1000.
- Training, support and data import vary for each organization based on your current system and needs, they usually fall in the \$4,000—\$8,000 range.

How do I join?

Every organization is different.

Reach out to Ann CollectiveAccess@mnhistoryalliance.org to discuss how CollectiveAccessMN can work for YOUR organization.

We can discuss your collection, your goals, and your timeline.

What is the timeline?

We are currently accepting new members twice a year. At this time, we are limiting ourselves to 4 organizations in each round.

March 10 / September 10—Application, data, and image samples due to MALHM

April 10 / October 10—Small grant applications due to MNHS (if applicable)

August / February—Starting date if funding secured

Note: Data transfer & set up can take 2-6 Months after the start date depending on the complexity of your data and how quickly you can respond to setup/customizations questions.

We are all in this together

