

Besser Museum  
Collections Department Board Report  
June 2025

**1. Introduction**

The Collections Department is committed to the preservation, documentation, and accessibility of the museum’s holdings. During the 2024 – 25 fiscal year, we focused on strengthening collection care, digitization, and improving public access to our collection.

**2. Collection Overview**

- **Total Items in Permanent Collection:** 36,529
- **Staff:** 3 (Sarah Honeycutt, Nicole Page, Isabel Rudy)
- **Volunteers:** 10

Major Activities	May – June 2025	Fiscal Year 2024-2025
New Accessions	0 (no meeting this month)	57
Artifacts Cataloged	926	10,475
Artifacts Inventoried	792	6,140
Inquiries Handled	5	~41
Searches on Public Database	316 (Top 5 searches included: “Carl Henry”, “Long Lake”, “McDonald”, “Harrisville”, and “Engine”)	2,928

Other May-June 2025 Activities:

- Hosted field trip groups in the Discover N.E. Michigan History Exhibit
- Collaborated with Angela on creating the exhibit for Dinosaur Gardens’ 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Note: No Collections Committee meeting in the month of June because I was on vacation.**