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Since his youth in Mexico City, Carlos Heiligmann has traveled with a camera in hand. An industrial engineer by training and documentary photographer by nature, he has captured images throughout his world travels, and recently has concentrated on recording libraries in the small towns of western Massachusetts.

The digital photographs that comprise this collection document nearly four dozen public libraries in Berkshire, Franklin, and Hampshire counties in western Massachusetts.

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Background on Carlos Heiligmann



Griswold Memorial Library, Colrain, Mass.

Growing up in Mexico City, Carlos Heiligmann spent his free time exploring the Mexican capital by bicycle and taking photographs wherever he went, using a simple Kodak Holiday Brownie camera and Kodak 127 black and white film to capture images as far out as the Central Airport. As he got older and migrated to the United States, he carried his interest in photography with him, remaining active during his service in the U.S. Air Force, through college, and into his career as an industrial engineer.

Heiligmann writes that he views photography primarily as a practical tool for recording and preserving images of the world around him, rather than an instrument for experimentation or creative artistry. This documentary approach is exemplified by the thousands of images he has taken over the years of important structures, ranging from the Golden Temple in Amritsar, India, and La Casa Rosada in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Boston's Trinity Church. More recently, he has re-focused his attention on Western Massachusetts, where he photographs the facades and interiors of the region's public libraries.

Always traveling with a camera, Heiligmann takes photographs throughout the year, although he writes that he prefers the warmer months when he can travel in his 1947 DeSoto, the car he brought to the U.S. from Mexico decades ago.

Scope of collection

The majority of photographs in this collection were taken by Carlos Heiligmann in conjunction his wife Kathy Heiligmann's book on public libraries in Western Massachusetts. Shot digitally in both color and black and white, the photographs include exterior and interior shots of libraries, primarily in small towns in Berkshire, Franklin, and Hampshire counties. Heiligmann occasionally photographs other buildings in the towns he visited.

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