

Carlos Heiligmann Collection

Digital

2002-2018

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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

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.

Inventory

Adams (Mass.)

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Adams Free Library

2018

10 images

City scenes

2017

5 images

Amherst (Mass.)

2018

Jones Memorial Library

2018

7 images

Ashfield (Mass.)

2016-2017

Belding Memorial Library

2018

15 images

William Turnbull Library

2016

4 images

Athol (Mass.)

2017

Athol Public Library

2017

9 images

Belchertown (Mass.)



Griswold Memorial Library, Colrain, Mass.

2017
Clapp Memorial Library
2017
10 images
Bernardston (Mass.)
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Cushman Library
2017
4 images
Brookfield (Mass.)
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Merrick Public Library
2018
10 images
Buckland (Mass.)
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Buckland Public Library
2016
12 images
Charlemont (Mass.)
2016
Tyler Memorial Library
2106
10 images
Cheshire (Mass.)
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Cheshire Public Library
2017
2 images
Chesterfield (Mass.)
2017
Chesterfield Public Library
2017
3 images
First Congregational Church
2017
2 images
Clarksburg (Mass.)
2017
Clarksburg Town Library
2017
5 images
Colrain (Mass.)
2016-2017
Griswold Memorial Library
2016-2017
22 images
Conway (Mass.)
2016-2017
Field Memorial Library
2016-2017
24 images
Cummington (Mass.)
2017
Bryant Free Library
2017
7 images
William Cullen Bryant homestead
2017

3 images
Dalton (Mass.)
2017
Dalton Free Public Library
2017
11 images
East Brookfield (Mass.)
2018
East Brookfield Public Library
2018
5 images
Erving (Mass.)
2017
Erving Public Library
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2 images
Florence (Mass.)
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Lilly Library
2017
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Florida (Mass.)
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Florida Free Public Library
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Gilbertville (Mass.)
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Goshen Free Public Library
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Granby Free Public Library
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Greenfield (Mass.)
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Greenfield Public Library
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Hadley (Mass.)
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Goodwin Memorial Library
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Hardwick (Mass.)
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Paige Memorial Library

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Hatfield (Mass.)
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Hatfield Public Library
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Hawley (Mass.)
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Meetinghouse, Sons and Daughters of Hawley
2017
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Heath (Mass.)
2016
Heath Free Public Library
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5 images
Hinsdale (Mass.)
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Hinsdale Public Library
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8 images
Lanesborough (Mass.)
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Jonathan Smith Memorial
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2 images
Lanesborough Public Library
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1 images
Newton Memorial Town Hall
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Lee (Mass.)
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Lee Library
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13 images
Lenox (Mass.)
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Lenox Library
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Leverett (Mass.)
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Leverett Public Library
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Robertson Memorial Library
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Millers Falls Library
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Monroe (Mass.)

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Monroe Public Library

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Montague Center (Mass.)

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First Congregational Church of Montague

2017

2 images

Montague Center Library

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6 images

New Salem (Mass.)

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New Salem Public Library

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New Salem Academy

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North Adams (Mass.)

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All Saints Episcopal Church

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First Baptist Church

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2 images

North Adams Public Library

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Northfield (Mass.)

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Dickinson Memorial Library

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Field Memorial Library

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Northampton (Mass.)

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Forbes Library

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Moore-Leland Library

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Wheeler Memorial Library

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Women's Christian Temperance Union Drinking Fountain

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Pelham (Mass.)

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Pelham Town Library

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Peru (Mass.)

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Peru Library

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Peterborough (N.H.)

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Peterborough Town Library

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Petersham Memorial Library

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Petersham Town Hall

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Pittsfield (Mass.)

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Berkshire Athenaeum

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Shaw Memorial Library

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Rowe (Mass.)

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Rowe Historical Society

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Rowe Town Library

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Savoy (Mass.)

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Savoy Hollow Public Library

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Shelburne (Mass.)

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Shelburne Free Public Library

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Shelburne Falls (Mass.)

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Arms Library

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Shutesbury Community Church

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Dickinson Memorial Library
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Williamsburg (Mass.)
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Haydenville Pubic Library
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Windsor (Mass.)
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Windsor Free Public Library

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3 images

Worthington (Mass.)

2017

Worthington Library

2017

3 images

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

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