

Area Archives Coordinator Report
Fall Assembly 2020

Hello everyone,

Since I last spoke to you, I have visited the LDC twice to work on the inventory of the CT AI-Anon Archives. I have removed papers with mold, and removed doubles, or more, of any existing archives. I have removed rusty staples from early letters.

I am giving thought now on how to rehouse the materials in an easily accessible way, and am considering arranging the archives according to subjects such as correspondence from Lois, and early founders, delegate reports, conventions, assemblies and workshops. I will arrange the materials chronologically as we have material from the 1950's to today.

I am thinking about the physical rehousing of the materials into cardboard cartons, as they absorb moisture, whereas metal file cabinets or plastic bins do not. It is very important to keep the archives dry over the years, otherwise mold develops.

I am thinking about how to arrange the boxes at the LDC, so that members can approach the boxes and know their contents easily.

As I have another two years in this position, I am thinking also of creating an online catalog of the archives.

The challenges of the position are working with the budget, and the space available at the LDC. The successes are the wonderful moments of reading some of the archives, and knowing that I am working towards making them available to all members.

LIS,
June