

## **Help the Newberry Document Contemporary Chicago-Area Protest Movements**

Building on a strong collection documenting 20<sup>th</sup>-century social and political activism in Chicago and the Midwest, the Newberry seeks to collect an enduring record of the many individual voices and personal expressions of Chicagoans participating in public demonstrations in the city or elsewhere. The library invites people to help document protests, counter-protests, and demonstrations of support for a variety of causes across the political spectrum.

The Newberry accepts physical objects - *signs, banners, posters, flyers, handbills, t-shirts, hats, buttons*, etc. It also seeks *photographs, audio* and *visual recordings*, and *personal narratives* or *testimonies*.

We offer the following FAQ's for non-digital donations. To submit digital content such as photographs, audio, video, and stories, visit [this website](#).

### **How do I donate my materials?**

You can personally deliver materials to the library at 60 West Walton St., Chicago, Illinois 60610. (Consult our [hours](#) to plan your visit.) Security kiosk personnel on the first floor will accept them. Or you can mail materials to the attention of the Modern Manuscripts Dept. at the above address.

### **What kind of information should accompany donations?**

Please let us know the event, the location, and the date. We also encourage you to add your personal comments that provide context to your donation, and your name and email address. Paper forms are provided at the library security kiosk for this information.

### **Where will my materials be stored?**

Due to preservation issues caused by the nature of some of the materials and space limitations, and due also to a large public response, we may not be able to save everything. However, we will do our best to represent the wide range of personal expression documented in individual protest materials and, when possible, preserve digital images of items that are not added to the collection.

The collection will be arranged and described according to archival standards and housed in the Newberry's climate-controlled stacks.

### **How can the collection be viewed?**

The collection will eventually be available for on-site viewing in the library's reading room, at first by appointment only. Over time, part or all of the collection may also be digitized and made available online. Selected materials may also be included in future physical and online exhibitions.

### **How can people find the collection?**

An inventory of the collection will be available on the Newberry website and other portals such as *Explore Chicago Collections* and *ArchiveGrid*. Google searches will also direct users to the collection.

**What about my copyright in materials that I created?**

Because of the difficulties in administering copyright for multiple donations, the Newberry requires that when you donate your materials to the library, you allow the Newberry to preserve, reproduce, and distribute your work, and permit others to do so as well.

**Questions? Please email:**

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