



About the Kalmbach Library

Who We Are

Since 1986, the A. C. Kalmbach Memorial Library has housed the archives for the National Model Railroad Association and aided its members in answering research questions. Members of the NMRA do receive priority attention and receive discounts on services and publications. (NOTE: We are merging our Library with the California State Railroad Museum Library to create an even larger research Library. Watch for an announcement in 2015-2016.)

Doing the Research for You

We answer thousands of research questions a year covering topics from paint schemes to builder's drawings, kit instructions to layout plans. You may have a specific idea of what you need, such as a listing from a 1928 Official Railway and Equipment Register for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. Or, you may need to know what type of storefronts were in a certain city on the ATSF during the 1950s, but you have no idea where to begin. We're here to help.

What to Do with Your Railroad Collection

Have books, magazines, pictures, slides, negatives, videos, model or prototype railroad equipment you wish to dispose of? See [Making Donations](#) for more information, including options for selling collections.

How to Contact Us

To place a research request or photocopy order, please see [Research Requests](#) for details. To order publications or duplicate materials, rent a video, or other questions, please call (423) 892-2846, FAX (423) 899-4869, or email nmraops@nmra.org. Written enquires may be directed to:

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