# Franco American Programs Scope of Collection

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Franco American Programs maintains two separate library collections: the Genealogy Collection and the Franco American Centre Collection. Each has its own audience and collection scope. We define Franco American as people of French Canadian, Quebecois and Acadian descent living in the United States, and our collections focus on this population.

The Genealogy Collection serves genealogists and concentrates on Franco American genealogy. This may include resources on people and places in France, Canada, and the United States and other materials on the practice and science of genealogical research. It collects secondary sources including but not limited to books and periodicals. It maintains a clipfile both physical and electronic for places and surnames. It includes the Ringuette collection.

The Franco American Centre Collection serves researchers of Franco America. It collects secondary sources including but not limited to books, videos, music, films, student research papers, theses and oral interviews. It maintains a clip file both physical and electronic of articles related to Franco Americans.

Franco American Programs also maintains Named Collections, which have been assembled by collectors and then donated to or otherwise acquired by Franco American Programs. These Named Collections may fall outside of our collection scopes but represent the interests of these donors who have done important work in our community.

Franco American Centre Archives focus mainly on the history of Franco Americans at the end of the 20th century with an emphasis on the history of the Franco American Centre. Access to these archives is restricted but available with permission of Franco American Program staff. We accept but do not actively seek out archival material.