

Friends of DC Archives Joins Celebration of International Archives Day

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Today, Monday June 9, is International Archives Day and the Friends of the DC Archives joins everyone in capitals around the world to celebrate the preservation of and access to archival records. Sponsored by the International Council on Archives (ICA), an international non-government organization founded in 1948 with support from UNESCO, the day encourages greater cooperation and support among archival institutions around the world.

“In capital cities around the world, archives are celebrating,” declared Trudy Peterson..... “In Paris they celebrate at the city archives; at the city archives in Ottawa, they celebrate; in Moscow they celebrate; in Rome they celebrate; and in the District of Columbia, we celebrate, knowing that one day soon we will have an archives as robust as the Nation’s Capital deserves.”

The District Government has committed the funds and is undertaking the planning to replace the current DC Archives in a former horse stable in Naylor Court, NW, with a state-of-the art facility.



The city archives of foreign capitals are well-maintained and accessible facilities, reflecting their importance to the national culture. The Moscow and Rome city archives are pictured respectively to the left and right.