New guidelines for establishing local history collections have been developed by the Local History Committee of the History Section of the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) of the American Library Association. The guidelines were accepted by the RASD Board of Directors during the ALA Annual Conference in Dallas.

The committee spent several years researching and surveying local history collections and services. Their work revealed an abundance of material on the use and maintenance of the various media employed in local history. With that in mind, the committee wrote guidelines to assist those beginning local history collections and to identify factors which need to be resolved before the institution is committed to action.

The guidelines outline five major considerations to be used in establishing local history collections: considerations before making a commitment to develop a local history collection, identification of collection limits, acquisitions, collection location and security, and fiscal considerations.

The complete guidelines will be printed in the Fall, 1979 issue of RQ, RASD's quarterly publication.