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Thursday, Oct. 30, is #AskAnArchivist Day

PIERRE, S.D. – On Thursday, Oct. 30, archivists around the country will take to Twitter to respond to questions tweeted with the hashtag #AskAnArchivist.

This day-long event, sponsored by the Society of American Archivists, will give people the opportunity to connect directly with archivists in their community—and around the country—to ask questions, get information or just satisfy their curiosity.

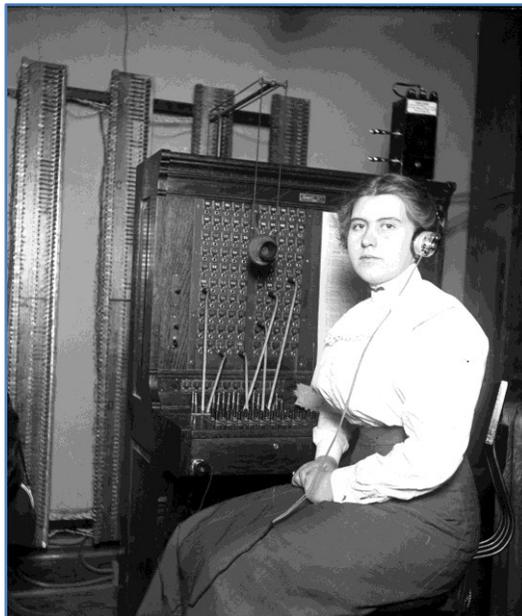
Questions concerning archives, archival collections or preservation of archival materials can be tweeted to @SDArchives to staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

As professional experts who do the work of protecting and sharing important historical materials, archivists have many stories to share about the work they do every day in preserving documents, photographs, audio and visual materials and artifacts.

“Individuals should always feel free to contact the State Archives, on any day, via Facebook, Twitter or email,” says Chelle Somsen, State Archivist. “Or you can contact us the ‘old fashioned’ way by phone, mail or even fax.”

October is Archives Month in South Dakota, as declared by Gov. Dennis Daugaard. The month draws attention to various archival organizations in the state and their efforts to protect South Dakota’s irreplaceable history.

The State Archives staff are available to help assist with research and can be contacted at (605) 773-3804 or archref@state.sd.us. For more information, visit www.history.sd.gov/Archives.



Editor's Note: An image of a telephone operator at her station with headphones and wires, taken by Gustav Johnson, Philip (S.D.), ca. 1910s. Questions concerning archives, archival collections or preservation of archival materials can be tweeted to @SDArchives to staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives on Thursday October 30.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.