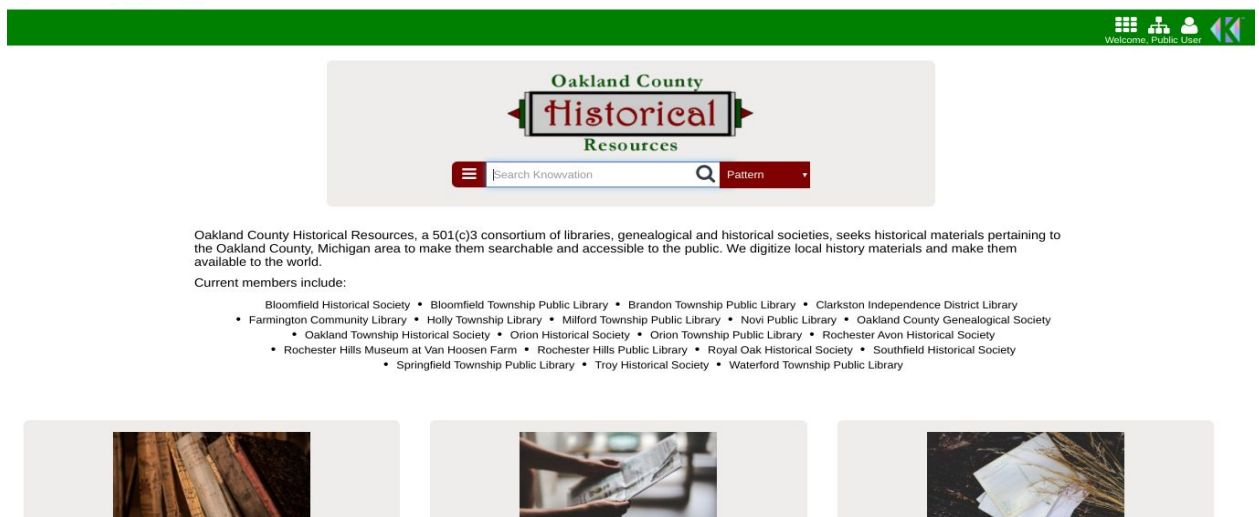


Accessing the Rochester Hills Public Library Local History Collection at Oakland County Historical Resources

- 1) In your address bar, type in: **oaklandcountyhistory.org**
- 2) You can either search the entire collection by typing keywords into the search box, or limit your search to just RHPL's collection by continuing with the following steps:

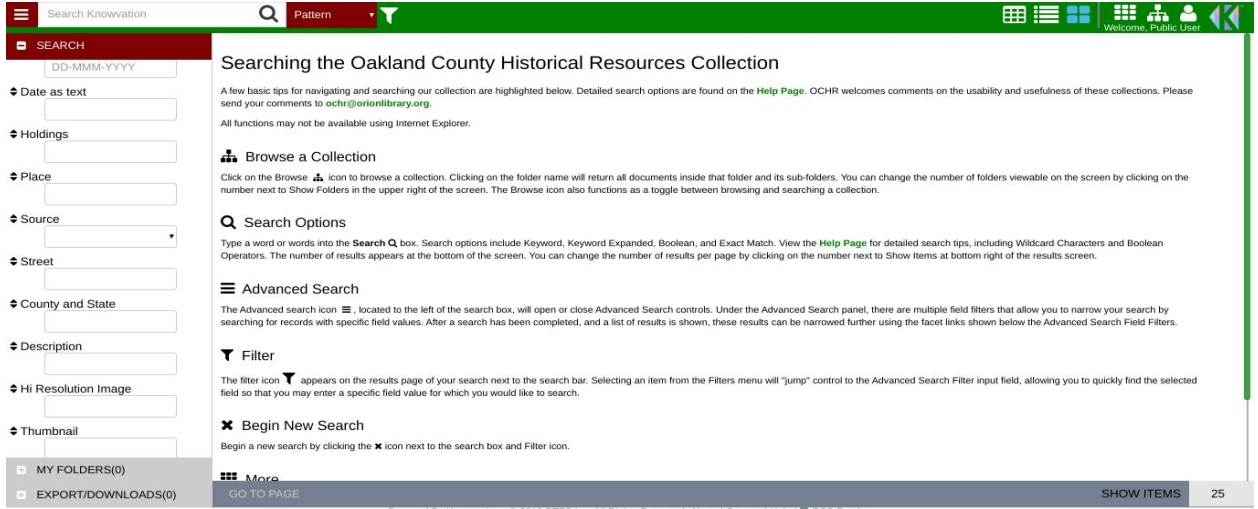


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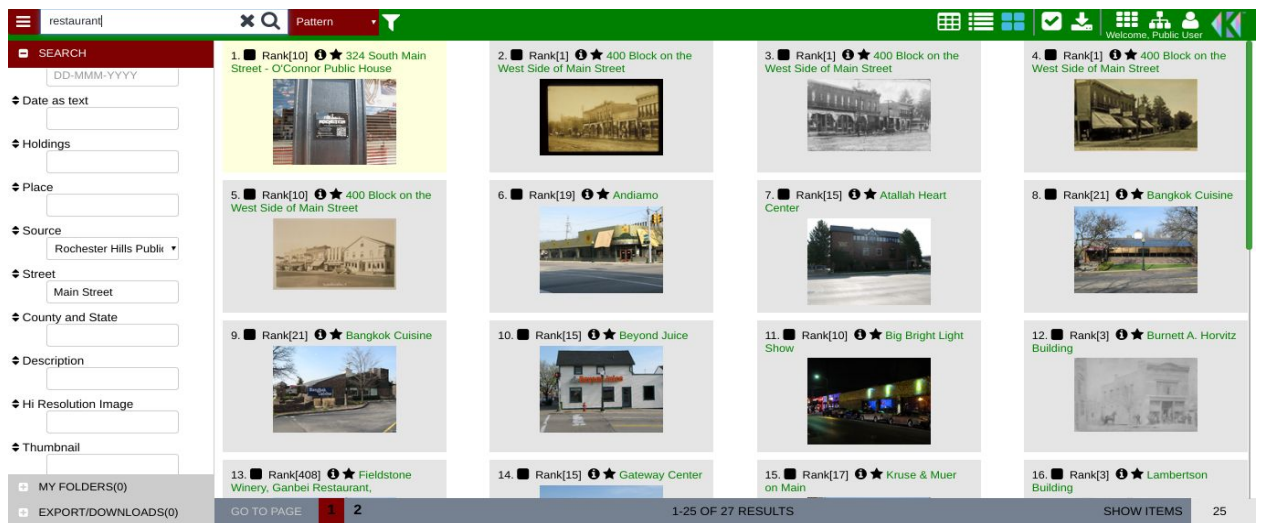
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- 3) Click the Menu icon just to the left of the search box (3 horizontal lines). This will open more search options on the left side of the page



4) In the drop-down menu under “Source,” click on “Rochester Hills Public Library.” This will display everything in RHPL’s digital local history collection. Use the search box and options to further filter your results. For example, if you want to find content related to restaurants on Main Street, you might set your search perimeters like this:




5) Once you find an image you would like to take a closer look at, just click on the title to open the record

6) To read more about the image, click on the “ i “ icon in the upper right corner of the screen. This will open a description of the image

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Description
The large brick building in the center of the image with the balcony was built by merchant John V. Lambertson in 1868. Businesses in this building included G.C. Dennis Drugs & Stationery and E.J. Lambertson, who took over the business from his father. On the second floor was Charles Compte, who dealt in insurance and real estate. The next building on the right is another two-story brick building with a decorative cornice, built by businessman Louis Eugene Palmer in 1883. It housed H.H. Stalker, a shoe merchant and a barbershop. The single-story building to the right was also built by Palmer and was known as Palmer's Palace Rink, used for roller skating. By the 1890s, the front half of the building had been divided into storefronts. Here, the Arnold & Schultz meat market is visible. The building on the far right was also built by Palmer in 1896. As of 2018, all the buildings still stand, with the exception of the Lambertson building, which was razed in 1940 to make way for the D&C Building. After D&C closed in 1993, it has been the site of numerous restaurants. To the far left is the Harvey J. Taylor hardware store. Addressed to Mrs. Smith of Oakley, Michigan from Lottie. (RRP-32)

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7) To return back to your list of search results, just click on the X in the right corner of the record