

## MAKER KIT

# COMMUNITY HISTORY PROJECT

LEAGUE  
of  
CREATIVE  
INTERVENTIONISTS

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### MATERIALS

- Paper
- Writing Utensils
- Collection box: Mailbox, cardboard box, Little Free Library, etc.

### PROJECT OPTIONS

#### **Option A**

Book Binding Project (insert link to book binding instructions)

#### **Option B**

Journal

#### **Option C**

Display such as poster board, wooden board, printed poster

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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Invite your neighbors to participate in a Community History Project.
2. Distribute paper and writing utensils to your neighbors. Ask them to write down significant events that they experienced in the neighborhood. They can contribute as many as they would like. The events can be community-related, such as changing the name of the neighborhood or a demonstration that happened in the neighborhood, or something personal, such as moving to the neighborhood, planting a garden, etc. The events that are recorded can be both positive or negative memories. The idea is that the project records the true history of the neighborhood.
  - a. Make sure that people are instructed to record the date along with the memory or historical event so that the events can be placed in a time linear order.
  - b. Encourage them to draw an image that connects to this memory or historical event
3. Provide a place for neighbors to drop off their recorded memories- it could be a mailbox, a Little Free Library, or a cardboard box with a deposit slot in it on your porch. If you use a cardboard box, just make sure it is protected from the weather.
4. Give your neighbors a deadline by which they should drop off their contributions.
5. Once you have collected the contributions, assemble them into a collective history.
  - a. You can do this by writing the memories or historical events in a journal that people can borrow to read. This journal can be handmade ([link to Book Binding Instructions](#)) or one that is purchased.
  - b. You can also assemble the memories or historical events into a display that is more visual. Perhaps assemble a timeline on a poster or a wooden board. Be creative about the items you use- with a wooden board, you can hammer nails along a timeline with pieces of paper attached by a string with information about the different historical events.
  - c. No matter which option you choose, make sure that there is a plan in place for who will keep the artifact. Perhaps it will be kept at the house of the neighborhood association president and displayed at each neighborhood association meeting. Or, perhaps it will be housed in a community space such as a house of worship, a community center, or a locally-owned business.
6. Once the History Project is ready, share it with your neighbors!
7. Consider contributing to the project or updating it annually so that you can document living memories.