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Fun & Informative Web Sites

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The Kalamazoo Public Library has recently added a section to its web site which I encourage everyone to peruse, called the History of Kalamazoo.

To access this gem of history, go to www.kpl.gov, select "Collections" from the left-hand column, then select "Local History" from the drop-down menu. From the page that opens, select "All About Kalamazoo History."

As you scroll down the page, you will find a myriad of subjects to pique your interest, including biographies of prominent Kalamazooans, stories and photos of homes and businesses, and brief but fascinating histories of churches, cemeteries, and surrounding villages.

Another web site guaranteed to evoke nostalgia is *Vanished Kalamazoo*, which features photos of area buildings and businesses which no longer exist or have been significantly altered. If the names Chicken Charlie's, the Whistle stop, Jack Thurman's Restaurant, the Plainwell 131 Drive-In, or Schwartz's Chalet mean something to you, go to www.vanishedkalamazoo.com and relive some fond memories!

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