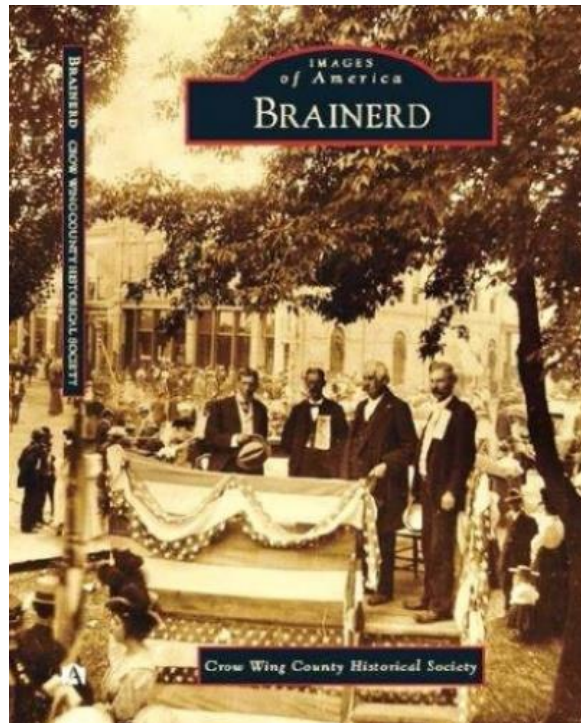


LOCAL history is alive and well in Brainerd!

There has been a big movement in the area of late, to showcase something we for some reason did not seem to get taught in school...our LOCAL history! Many folks are now researching the history of the area, so here I will attempt to maintain a list of publications as they come along, AND where you can find them.

Besides reams of material now on the [Crow Wing County Historical Society's great website](#), under *Special Features*, a great book on Brainerd was published by the staff there in 2014. Author Bio: "The Crow Wing County Historical Society's photographic archives bring Brainerd's early history to life in *Images of America: Brainerd*. The staff and volunteers carefully researched how a wild and woolly wilderness was transformed into a thriving community." [Find out more here, & purchase info.](#)

In addition, there are now some **locally-produced books** available for checkout at the Brainerd Public Library. See the photo below.



From upper left:

A Walk Through History-the Downtown Brainerd History Walk, compiled by many local historians in 2008, bound in 2011- a Legacy Grant funded project. This booklet is available at the Crow Wing County Historical Society or Brainerd Public Library, [or online here](#). These are not for sale, since they were produced with Legacy Grant funding. However, you can download and print out your own copy!

A Brief History of Early Northeast Brainerd, Ann M. Nelson-2016. This booklet is available for download at the [Crow Wing County Historical Society](#). There may be a few hard copies yet available. On the back page is a walking or riding tour of the **Parker Electric Railroad** in its NE section. Find the [Guide Notes](#) here that were used for the 2 bus tours during the 2016 [Brainerd History Week](#).

Brainerd's Hidden History-A Tour of Historic Buildings of North Brainerd, Ann M. Nelson, 2015. This booklet is available for download at the [Crow Wing County Historical Society](#). There may be a few hard copies yet available.

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Brainerd Public Library's 2015 Historic Photo Index; a listing of donated images, Brainerd Public Library-a Legacy Grant funded project-2015. You can check out this book at the Brainerd Public Library, or download the [digital version here](#). These are not for sale, since they were produced with Legacy Grant funding. However, you can download and print out your own copy!

A History of Lower South Long Lake, Mike O'Brien, 2015. This book is available for check out at the Brainerd Public Library. Mike has sold out of the first run, but will reprint late fall of 2016.

Brainerd Public Library's 2016 Historic Photo Index: a listing of donated scanned images. This book is available for check out at the Brainerd Public Library. These are not for sale, since they were produced with Legacy Grant funding. However, you can download and print out your own copy!

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More:

An Overview of Happenings in the City of Brainerd for the Years of 1914 and Early 1915, Ann M. Nelson-2014. [Find it here!](#) You can print out your own copy!

Riverview Brainerd History Walk, Carl Faust-2015. A walk in the park, around a lake, AND through the woods!
[Find it here!](#) You can print out your own 2-page copy!

Local history CAN BE FUN, when you find it. These publications make it EASY to find, and you can do them on your own time, often online without ever leaving the house. Others make dandy walks, bikes or car rides. Now you know WHAT they are, and WHERE they are, so go out and have some FUN with history! And, bring a kid along!!!! They will be the future keepers of the history.

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