



ABOUT POLANKI

POLANKI was founded in 1953 by a group of women dedicated to promoting their Polish heritage. The organization has grown over the years and now includes about 125 members. POLANKI sponsors a variety of programs that highlight the richness of Polish culture. POLANKI has been dedicated to promoting knowledge and appreciation of Polish culture among Milwaukee Poles and non-Poles alike.

Throughout the year POLANKI invites speakers on Polish culture to its meetings and promotes public lectures and exhibits in the Milwaukee area. Notable events supported by Polanki include “Leonardo da Vinci and the Splendor of Poland” — a blockbuster exhibition of art from Poland organized by the Milwaukee Art Museum— and concerts of Polish music by the Wrocław Polytechnic Choir, the Warsaw Boy Choir, and the Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra.

For over 50 years Polanki has prepared the Polish cultural booth at Holiday Folk Fair. Polanki has also been responsible for the design and construction of many cultural exhibits at Polish Fest.

Every year, POLANKI gives College Achievement Awards to deserving college and university students of Polish heritage or who are studying Polish language, history, society or culture.

POLANKI also strives to gain recognition for the efforts of early Polish settlers. Donations from the club helped reconstruct the Kruza house, a Polish farmstead from Hofa Park, on the grounds of Old World Wisconsin in Eagle. Polanki also helped with the renovation of St. Josaphat’s Basilica in Milwaukee, made a substantial contribution towards the building of the Polish Center of Wisconsin in Franklin, and actively supported restoration of the Kosciusko monument in Kosciusko Park.

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WELCOME TO THE POLANKI LIBRARY



PURPOSE

The Polanki Library at the Polish Center of Wisconsin was established in the fall of 2000. Polanki, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee, contributed funds to underwrite construction of the library and to establish a collection of resources that will preserve the history and culture of Poland and Polish Americans and reach out to the area community by providing materials for research and personal interest.



COLLECTION

The Polanki Library focuses on materials about Poland, as well as Polish Americans, in both the Polish and English languages. The collection includes materials dealing with history, culture, language, heraldry, literature, folklore, music, geography, arts and genealogy. The Polanki Library also includes a small reference collection to assist users with inquiries pertaining to Poland and Polish Americans.

The collection is primarily books but also includes magazines and newspapers, videos, records, tapes, CDs, and other items that support research and reading about Poland and Polish Americans.



USE OF MATERIALS

The Polanki Library collection contains many reference materials available for use while in the library. These items include newspapers, magazines, reference books, and genealogy materials. Non-reference items, such as general literature, records and videos, can be borrowed with a valid Polanki Library card. Items circulate for four weeks and overdue fines will be applied on items that are overdue.

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The Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee



LIBRARY CARDS

The general public is welcome to enjoy the library. There is no charge for use. However, an application needs to be completed in order to borrow materials. The cost is **\$10.00/year** for the general public and **free to current paid members of Polanki or the Polish Heritage Alliance.**



HOURS OF OPERATION

TUESDAYS

12:00-2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

6:00-8:00 p.m.

FISH FRIES

Fridays during Lent
4:30-8:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

1st Sunday of December
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Polanki Library is also open during other major scheduled events at the Polish Center of Wisconsin.

For more information and/or to make other arrangements, you can reach us at:

(414) 858-9357

Please leave your name and phone number.



GIFTS

The Polanki Library is grateful for the generosity of donors who contribute useful gifts of books, current magazines and newspapers, videos, records, CDs and other appropriate materials that enhance the collection and support its mission. Please refer to previous sections for more details on the types of material collected. Items in poor physical condition are generally not added.

Donations are accepted with the understanding that the materials become the property of the Library. If the items are not appropriate for the collection in terms of subject matter or other criteria, items may be disposed of through exchange, donation to other libraries or other means, such as a book sale, to raise additional funds for purchasing new materials.

The library also benefits from donations of equipment such as computers, CD, DVD and VCR players, which improve service to our users. Cash donations are gratefully accepted to help support the purchase of new materials and maintenance of the collection.

Due to the limited space that is available for housing the collection at the Polanki Library, only certain items may be accepted. All items received require volunteer staff time to process and catalog.

Since the Polanki Library is not an archive, certain materials may be more suitable for other area libraries. If you have photographs, manuscripts, papers of local Polish-American companies or organizations, these would be better housed and more accessible at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which has an extensive Polish archival collection.

Under federal tax regulations, the Polanki Library cannot provide appraisals or estimates of value for donors. Evaluation is the responsibility of the donor. Donors should complete the "Gift Acknowledgment and Receipt" form available in the Polish Center so they will have a record of making a donation and the Polanki Library can have a file of its generous donors.