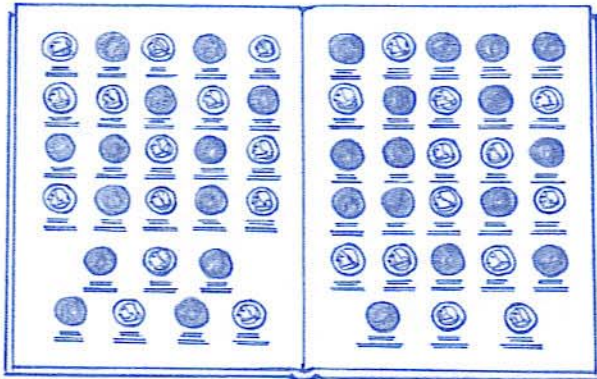


Resources

Check the reference section at your local library for information on collecting and a wide variety of things people collect. If you have access to the Internet, try using various search engines to look for the information you need.

Other resources might include collecting clubs and specialty shops in your area.

A field trip to a nearby museum can provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about what you collect.



Coin folders are a great way to organize, catalog and display your coin collection.

Things Some People Collect

- Arrowheads
- Autographs
- Barbed wire
- Baseball or sports cards
- Books
- Bottle caps or bottles
- Butterflies
- Christmas ornaments
- Coins
- Dolls and plush animals
- Insects
- Leaves
- Little or antique cars
- Little or antique toys
- Mugs and china
- Neckerchiefs
- Old tools
- Restaurant menus
- Rocks and minerals
- Scout patches

- Shells
- Spoons
- Stamps
- TV or movie posters
- Water samples

Stamp Collecting for Beginners

Start as a general collector. You do not need to specialize until you have seen and handled a wide range of stamps.

Start with quantity and learn to appreciate good stamp design, town cancellations, color varieties, perforated initials, and the other attributes and differences that make stamps interesting.

Collect what interests you, and not what others tell you that real philatelists collect.

Display stamps in a book or case so that you and others can enjoy the stamps without damaging them.

Visit stamp exhibitions whenever you can. They will help to open your eyes to the wide world of philately.

Numismatics

Numismatics is derived from the Greek word *numisma* ("coin knowledge") and today refers to the study and collecting of coins, paper currency, medals, tokens, and other similar monetary objects.

Philately

Philately is the collection and study of postage and imprinted stamps. Philately is derived from two Greek words: *philos* ("loving") and *atelos* ("free of tax" or "paid"). Stamps are signs that the postage or tax has been paid.