

223—22.2(303) Definitions. The definitions listed in Iowa Code section 17A.2 shall apply for terms as they are used throughout this chapter. In addition, the following definitions apply:

“*Archives*” means state agency records and other materials transferred to the custody of the state archives of Iowa in accordance with Iowa Code Supplement chapter 305.

“*Collections*” means printed material, photographs, archives, manuscripts and electronic records.

“*Electronic records*” means records in a form that requires a computer or other machine to process them. “Electronic records” includes word processing documents; electronic mail messages; documents transmitted via electronic data interchange; Internet and Intranet postings; numerical and textual spreadsheets and databases; electronic files; optical images; software; and information systems.

“*Library*” means a unit of the state historical society of Iowa that acquires, preserves and describes printed materials.

“*Manuscripts*” means handwritten or typed documents, including letterpress or carbon copies. A mechanically produced document in handwriting or typescript is also considered a manuscript. Manuscripts include bodies or groups of personal papers, business or organizational records that have organic unity; artificial collections of documents acquired from various sources according to a plan, but without regard to provenance; and individual documents acquired because of their special importance.

“*Materials,*” unless otherwise specified, means the collections of the historical library, the special collections unit of the historical library and the state archives of Iowa.

“*Patrons*” means any and all persons conducting research or otherwise reading, viewing or consulting the state historical society of Iowa collections. Patrons include both on-site and off-site persons.

“*Photographs*” means, in general, images mechanically recorded by a camera. This term includes negatives, prints, copy negatives, copy prints, digital photographic images, motion picture film, and videotape.

“*Printed materials*” means, in general, books, journals, serials, magazines, newspapers, and maps and atlases.

“*Reference*” means the basic function of providing information about library and state archives of Iowa materials and making the materials available for research.

“*Research*” means the studious inquiry into or examination of library and state archives materials aimed at the discovery and interpretation of facts.

“*Special collections materials*” means privately donated collections acquired by the library and publications bureau of the state historical society of Iowa.

“*Special collections unit*” means the unit of the state historical society of Iowa that acquires, preserves and describes special collections materials.