A collection of oral history interviews with prominent residents titled “San Bernardino of the Past”, recalling people and events significant to the city of San Bernardino, has been re-launched at the San Bernardino Public Library’s website at www.sbpl.org.

From the library’s homepage – select “Services” and “Local History” and then “San Bernardino of the Past.”

“We’re quite pleased to make these interviews, recalling people and important events significant to our city’s history, available again,” said Library Director Ed Erjavec. “I’d especially like to thank staff member Tammi Devine for her hard work editing these videos and making them available again to the public.”

Among the oral history collection’s highlights:

- Educator Dorothy Inghram’s contributions are highlighted by Dr. Milton Clark;
- Rabbi Norman Feldheym’s legacy is recalled by Rabbi Hillel Cohn;
- The Origins, Traditions and Future of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians are described in three parts by James Ramos;
- Pat Morris recalling his life story including growing up in Needles and working for the railroad to help pay his way through law school at Stanford on his way to a career serving as a lawyer, judge and mayor;
- Visits by celebrities to San Bernardino and the history of fast food in the city are highlighted by retired newspaper reporter/columnist John Weeks.

These interviews were done a few years ago as part of a grant from the state library.

About San Bernardino Public Library

The San Bernardino Public Library is governed by an autonomous administrative Library Board of Trustees as provided by Article XII of the Charter of the City of San Bernardino. Library services are provided at four sites: Norman F. Feldheym Central Library, Paul Villaseñor Library, Dorothy Inghram Library, and Howard Rowe Library. In addition to www.sbpl.org, patrons are encouraged to follow the library on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/sbcitylib and Twitter at https://twitter.com/sbcitylibrary.

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