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Five years of history access

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An exciting opportunity to revisit Bendigo's history is set to begin next week.

Bendigo Regional Archives Centre will open its doors from June 23 to 26.

The birthday celebrations will include open days, tours and presentations about finding your ancestors.

There will also be opportunity to view the "Historical Gems" collection.

Bendigo library manager Vivien Newton said anyone with an interest in family and local history to come along to the activities on offer.

"The Bendigo Regional Archives Centre, housed in the Bendigo Library has been open to the public for five years," she said.

"The Archives Centre holds records dating from the 1850s through to the 1970s."

Ms Newton said this was a great opportunity for all Bendigo residents.

"People looking for ancestors, researching properties or local history can find a wealth of information in the archives and knowledgeable staff willing to assist with enquiries," she said.

"The new facility at the Bendigo Library allows the perservation of material that has been stored in sheds and warehouses to now be in climate control conditions."

Ms Newton said the archive workers hoped the future of the centre would allow more people to access historical information.

"One of the things we hope to move forward to is more historic community collections," she said.

"We hope to accomodate a lot more information. "That is our next five years."

For more information on the 5th birthday celebration, visit www.brac.vic.gov.au