

Northwest Arkansas Oral History Project  
 Myra Miles Moran Interview Abstract  
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Interviewee	Myra Miles Moran
Year of birth	1941
Place of birth	Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska
Interviewer	Barbara Knotts
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Description	<p>When Myra Miles Moran moved to Arkansas, the State gained a life-long advocate. As a new high school graduate, Moran moved to Fayetteville to be with grandparents, take college courses, and later work in a law office. Here she met, and in 1961, married Pat Moran.</p> <p>While Moran's husband served in political capacities in Batesville, Washington DC, and Little Rock, she found time to be a busy mother, work as an engrossing clerk for the Arkansas Legislature, and stay active in the Arkansas Democratic Party. Her memories include volunteering in the Bill Clinton White House, working in Iowa as part of the Arkansas Travelers during one of the Hillary Clinton's campaigns, and once almost running for office herself.</p> <p>Moran's stories illustrate her love of literature, Arkansas culture, and local authors. After graduating with degrees in History and Southern Studies, she became Director of Programs of the Center for Arkansas Studies. In 1986 she opened, and for over 20 years successfully operated, the Trolley Line Bookshop in Little Rock. Friday afternoons, visitors might find Dee Brown and Charles Portis stopping by. When asked about the book business, Moran replies she 'did it right' by attending sessions at the Antiquarian Book Seminars in Colorado.</p>

	<p>After Moran and her husband moved to Northwest Arkansas, the Trolley Line Bookshop reopened in Rogers from 2009-2018. Bookshelves were filled with out of print children's, poetry, and military titles. Works by local authors were showcased. Moran hosted programs to support local authors and promote downtown Rogers.</p> <p>Today Moran and her husband continue to live in their Rogers Arkansas home. Visitors find it filled with her collections of barns, and of course, books. Now that her appointment on the Rogers Planning Commission is completed, she plans to spend time writing a book about the Virginia Rand murder case.</p>
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Interview sidebar	Myra Moran tells of her experiences with the Arkansas Travelers as they toured Iowa during Hillary Clinton's campaign. The group would split into vans; six to a van and go knock on doors. "I enjoyed Iowa. I used to know every town". [00:41:00]