Questions to ask about local identity

- Who lives in your community? Where do you find demographic information?
  - Do the objects in your collection represent your current demographics? Why or why not?
  - How can you make space to collect recent history that better reflects the community?
- What industries and businesses have shaped your community?
  - Where did most people in town work 50 years ago? Now? 100 years ago?
- How long has your town existed?
  - Is there anyone in your town who has lived there their entire life?
  - Who are the newest people to move there?
- Where do people gather in town?
  - What objects do you have that represent those locations?
  - What makes these places/objects similar or different to the past?
- What do people do for fun in your community?
  - What objects do you have that represent these activities?
- What hardships has your community faced recently? What materials do you have on hand about historical hardships?
- What is something your town is proud of?
- How would someone from the next town over describe your community?
- Does your community have any urban legends?

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