

Microfilm reader has many new features

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After struggling with an obsolete microfilm machine that no longer had parts available, Gothenburg Public Library employees got a new one.

“It’s a wonderful addition to the library, especially for history buffs,” said library director Mary Koch.

The Gothenburg Library Foundation bought the equipment upon which archived newspapers can be read.

Koch said the reader has many exciting features.

“You can adjust brightness and contrast better than with the old machine and it has better cropping abilities,” Koch said.

The screen is almost twice as large as the old machine and cropping, cutting and reassembling of photographs and information is possible.

Images can be printed or copied onto a USB flash drive which, she said, is nice for tourists who use microfilm for genealogy purposes, she said.

The Gothenburg Independent, from 1892 to 1925, is on microfilm as is the Gothenburg Times, from 1908 until 2012 and parts of other county newspapers.