

THE GREAT STONE VIADUCT SOCIETY AND THE BELLAIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Office of Price Administration WWII Ration Tokens



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Bellaire Public Library Activity Room**

I am very excited to be sharing with you one of my interests, that of collecting World War II OPA Tokens. My introduction into collecting these little red and blue tokens is interesting. While at a coin show in Pittsburgh, PA, I was looking through many boxes of tokens when I came across something interesting, about the size of a dime. Needless to say I was intrigued by my latest find, and just had to purchase it for the 10c they were asking. Well, when I got home I researched this new type of token that I had just acquired, it was a ration token released during WWII. I later found out that the OPA stood for the Office of Price Administration.

I have been collecting these for years, and have thousands of OPA tokens in my collection. I have completed two sets of these tokens, one in uncirculated condition and another in circulated. I cherish them because they relate to a time in history that we must never forget. During World War II, these tokens were used as a method to regulate or ration how much any given family could buy. This rationing was done because of the shortages that were caused due to the war effort.