

Research Topics and Resources for History of the IU Libraries

Background Info

The topics and resources identified in this document stem from [notes taken during our 3/25 seminar session](#) on Research Methods led by Catherine Minter.

Sign-Up

- [Sign-Up](#) for your *History of the IU Libraries* research topic!

Original History of IU Libraries Web site

- <http://bl-libg-doghill.ads.iu.edu/gpd-web/iulibraryhistorysite/libs.php>

Resources

Books & Articles

History of IU Libraries:

- Mildred Hawksworth Lowell, *Indiana University Libraries, 1829-1942* (Chicago, 1957). Dissertation providing in-depth coverage of the history of the IU Libraries up to 1942. Location: Carrel 10-2A
- William Albert Alexander, *History of the Indiana University Library, January 20, 1820 to February 22, 1937* (unpublished typescript). Location: Digitization queue
- Thomas D. Clark, "Building Libraries in the Early Ohio Valley," *The Journal of Library History* 6, no.2 (1971): 101-19. Article by historian touching on the earliest history of the IU Libraries. Available through JSTOR.

History of Indiana University:

- Thomas D. Clark, *Indiana University: Midwestern Pioneer*, 4 vols. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1970-77). Most recent and most comprehensive history of the university; volume 4 includes historical documents. Location: Carrel 10-2A
- James A. Woodburn, *History of Indiana University*, 2 vols. (Bloomington: Indiana University, 1940). History of the university to 1937 by IU professor. Location: Carrel 10-2A (vol. 1 only)
- Theophilus Wylie, ed. *Indiana University* (Indianapolis: Burford, 1890). History of the university to 1890 by IU's first librarian. Location: Carrel 10-2A
- James Capshew's Wells biography – to be added, if desired
- On being lucky, by Herman B Wells – to be added, if desired

Academic libraries in North America:

- Arthur T. Hamlin, *The University Library in the United States: Its Origins and Development* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1981). Useful broad overview. Location: Carrel 10-2A
- Louis Shores, *Origins of the American College Library, 1638-1800* (New York: Barnes & Noble, 1935). Location: Carrel 10-2A

Library architecture:

- David Kaser writings (on library architecture) – to be added
- Brian Keith in Geology (for limestone history) – to be added

Supplementary Primary Sources

- [Archives Online](#)
 - <http://go.iu.edu/i9j> (a search on Libraries compiled by Dina Kellams)
- [Archives of Institutional Memory \(AIM\)](#)
- [Archives Photograph Collection](#)
- Newspaper Archives
 - [Chronicling America Historic Newspapers](#)
 - Online newspapers (HT and IDS)

IU Archives

Tidbits from our IU Archives orientation session.

- Very small fraction of collection represented on [Archives Online](#); contact Dina or Carrie Schwier with research and reference questions
- The IUL Newsletter in the Archives (helps to fill the gaps of the run in the stacks, which we will be digitizing)
- The Indiana University Catalogs (published annually) make for a good resource for tracking library locations (esp. branches) over time including hours of operation, etc.

Research Topics

- Changing mission of the library if that can be determined
- Different campus libraries
- Development of technology within the libraries
- Development of collection development
- Development of public services
 - Instruction
- Use policies
- Feature deans and leaders of the libraries
- Feature the physical spaces
- Naming of the library
- Faculty status for librarians
- Track research guides to "hot topics" of the times, approaches to content at certain periods of time