



# THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY



## TIMELINE: 1900's

### 1900's

New Librarian/  
Director-Earnest A.  
Feazel (12/8/1900)

LL begins  
collecting all cases  
decided by the  
Ohio Supreme  
Court since 72  
Ohio St.

Earnest Feazel  
serves as President  
of the American  
Association of Law  
Libraries

### 1910's

Library moves  
29,000 volumes  
from the Old  
Courthouse to  
the "New Court  
House" at 1 West  
Lakeside Ave.  
(1912)

1st Annual Meeting  
in the Main  
Reading Room

Beginning of  
collecting, binding  
and indexing all of  
the unpublished  
opinions of the  
local Circuit Court

Creation of Card  
Catalog organized  
by both author and  
subject

Creation of an  
index of legal  
periodicals

Creation of a table  
of all unreported  
Ohio Supreme  
Court cases

Creation of a digest  
of topics covered  
by local Circuit  
Court opinions

Creation of a  
"Circulating  
Department" for  
books on the theory  
and history of the  
law, comparative  
jurisprudence,  
sociology,  
economics,  
biographies of  
famous jurists,  
famous trials,  
books "upon the  
humour of the  
law," and "legal  
miscellany"

71 members join  
U.S. military to  
serve in WWI

1st women  
members  
(3 women)

Board authorizes  
U.S. Draft Board  
to use Law  
Library for draft  
registrants

1st purchase of  
War Bonds

### 1920's

Law Library  
celebrates 50th  
Anniversary

Library closing  
hours extended  
from 5:00 PM to  
9:30 PM Monday-  
Friday and  
Saturday to 4:00  
PM

Bylaws adopted:  
circulation requires  
a written "order"  
from a member or  
a judge, plus a \$.50  
per book per day  
deposit if a book  
leaves the County

Large book re-  
binding projects  
occur

All leather-bound  
volumes treated  
with Vaseline

New shelving  
doubles book space  
in stacks

Hours extended  
until 9:30 p.m. on  
weekdays and 4:00  
p.m. on Saturdays

Installation of pre-  
pay telephone

Purchase of Oxford  
English Dictionary

Purchase of all  
States' session laws

### 1930's

Law Library  
privileges extended  
to officers of cities  
and villages in  
Cuyahoga County

New Library  
Director-Thomas P.  
Shaw

Stock Market  
crash of 1929 and  
Great Depression  
affect Law Library  
members and legal  
profession

Board grants free  
use of Law Library  
to officers of cities  
and villages in  
Cuyahoga County

1st reciprocal  
ILL arrangement  
created with the  
Court of Appeals  
Library in  
Rochester, NY

Board resolves  
to allow new  
members of the  
Ohio Bar free  
admission for  
the rest of the year

### 1940's

New "Law Library  
Act" became  
effective 1/1/1940  
(General Code §  
3056)

New Library  
Director-Mabel  
McWherter  
(March 1941)

New Law Library  
Director- Arthur  
W. Fiske

Cleveland  
Law Library  
Association  
granted 501(C)(3)  
tax-exempt status

Cleveland  
Law Library  
Association  
authorized  
purchase of an  
additional \$1000 in  
government War  
Bonds

Cuyahoga County  
built a "mile" of  
shelving for the  
Law Library

Two new "sound  
recording  
machines" placed  
in the Law Library

Law Library loans  
Case Western  
Reserve Law  
School 120 volumes  
of old English  
reports

### 1950's

Installation of a  
Photostat machine  
for copying Law  
Library materials

Creation of  
a Library of  
Congress card  
catalog

Constitution  
increased Board  
membership from  
5 to 7 members

### 1960's

Law Library  
Centennial on  
December 29, 1969

Installation of  
new shelving, 2  
balconies in the  
Main Reading  
Room, and a  
2nd floor of Law  
Reviews

Membership  
campaign

Staff begin taking  
telephone orders  
for copies

Limited book  
borrowing begins  
to allow lawyers to  
take books to their  
offices for copying

Library closed  
for 1 month  
for multiple  
improvements:  
new plumbing,  
wiring, heating,  
and ventilation;  
air conditioning  
added; new  
windows;  
bathroom  
remodeling; new  
lighting fixtures in  
ceiling; new lamps  
on desks

Law Library hours  
reduced to 6:00  
p.m. on weekdays  
and 1:00 p.m. on  
Saturdays

Free services  
extended to all  
full-time faculty  
of Cleveland-  
Marshall College of  
Law for 1969

Law Library  
contracts with  
Cleveland-  
Marshall for work-  
study students

Xerox machine  
installed

### 1970's

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