THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY

TIMELINE: 1900's

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Beginning of collecting, binding and indexing all of the unpublished opinions of the local Circuit Court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

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