



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the unpublished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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1980's

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1990's

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