

Books and Bytes

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Garfield Goes Digital

Thanks to initial funding from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation, the Hiram College Archives has begun a multi-year project to digitize much of the James A. Garfield collection. The digitized collection will be part of the Cleveland Memory Project administered by Cleveland State University.

The first several photographs have been scanned and may now be seen on the Garfield collection page on the Cleveland Memory Web site (<http://clevelandmemory.org/garfield/>). Ultimately, about 4,000 photographs and documents will be digitized and added to the project site.



James A. Garfield at 16

For more information about the project, please contact Jennifer Morrow, College Archivist at x5353 or by email at morrowjs@hiram.edu. To learn more about the Garfield Collection at Hiram Collection, see the finding aid at <http://library.hiram.edu/index.php/finding-aids/personal-papers-finding-aids/1335-james-a-garfield-collection>.

Coming to the Library in December

Friends of the Library Book Sale – Tuesday, December 10, through Saturday, December 14, from 8 a.m. (9 a.m. on Saturday) to 5 p.m. each day. The book sale is located just inside the entrance. Hardcover are \$1 and paperbacks are 50¢.



Holiday Interim Library Hours – The library will have reduced hours during the holiday interim period. Those hours will be:

Friday, December 20	7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 21	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 22	CLOSED
Monday, December 23	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24	CLOSED
Wednesday, December 25	CLOSED
Thursday, December 25	CLOSED
Friday, December 27	CLOSED
Saturday, December 28	CLOSED
Sunday, December 29	CLOSED
Monday, December 30	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 31	CLOSED
Wednesday, January 1	CLOSED
Thursday, January 2	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, January 3	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 4	CLOSED
Sunday, January 5	CLOSED
Monday, January 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 7	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 8	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 9	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, January 10	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 11	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 12	Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Hiram College Library:
Learning Unshelved

Hidden Treasures

State of Ohio Agency Annual Reports Online

Perhaps the thought of perusing the annual reports of government agencies makes one want to reach for a cup of coffee, but these publications are valuable tools for understanding the activities of our various government departments, bureaus, and commissions. We've paid for them with our tax dollar, and we should be interested in keeping tabs on them. They are also useful research tools for understanding the workings of our political system. Since the 1970s, the library has been a depository for State of Ohio publications, and we have a several thousand of them housed on the 3rd floor, organized by the agencies that issued the publications. However, more recently, Ohio has gone electronic, and most of the publications we used to receive in print format are now available through our online catalog. We currently add the bibliographic records, with links, of the annual reports of dozens of state agencies and other bodies. These include various branches of the government (Ohio Supreme Court), major departments (Secretary of State, Ohio Treasurer), executive branch agencies (Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Aging), sub-agencies (Bureau of Worker's Compensation, Office of the Inspector General), and commissions and boards (Public Utilities Commission, State Employee Relations Board).

Why bother with our catalog? Why not just go to the department's web page? Some agencies are very friendly with regard to their annual reports, and provide easy access from the front page (Dept. of Aging). However, they may only provide the most current year. Others archive older reports on their websites (Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources), but make it difficult to find them. The library's catalog provides access to current and archived reports, courtesy of the State Library of Ohio, which has made the effort to scan older annual reports to their electronic archive. For example, if we wanted to peruse the reports of the Lottery Commission, we simply search "ohio lottery annual report" in the catalog. Three results come up, the first two for print issues going back to 1981. However, the third takes us to more recent reports online (<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1469559~S10>), where we find a series of links to specific reports, with the bottom link taking us to an archive of the last eight years of reports. The Commission's website does not have them all, but the State Library gives us full access.

Here is a partial list of some of the other Ohio agencies where we can get to these valuable sources of information on the workings of our state government:

Ohio Air Quality Development Authority
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1479716~S10>)

Ohio EPA
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1456599~S10>)

Ohio Attorney General's Office
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1479717~S10>)

Office of Budget and Management
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1522073~S10>)

Ohio Dept. of Commerce (
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1456558~S10>)

Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1456560~S10>)

Ohio Dept. of Development
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1479720~S10>)

Governor's Council on People with Disabilities (
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1500796~S10>)

Ohio Dept. of Health
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1469550~S10>)

Ohio Housing Trust Fund
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1456562~S10>)

Ohio Human Trafficking Commission (
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1517768~S10>)

Industrial Commission of Ohio
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1498238~S10>)

Ohio Division of Liquor Control
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1456559~S10>)

State Medical Board of Ohio
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1466825~S10>)

Ohio Dept. of Mental Health
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1491133~S10>)

Ohio Board of Nursing
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1469562~S10>)

Ohio Public Defender Commission
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1491184~S10>)

Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction
(<http://hiram.l.hiram.edu/record=b1491139~S10>)

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