Herman J. Albrecht Library of Historical Architecture

The Albrecht Library of Historical Architecture is housed in Thompson Library under the stewardship of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library. The trust was established and endowed by Robert S. and Margaret V. Albrecht in tribute to the career of the Herman J. Albrecht, Robert’s father.

The original volumes are those books that were housed in Herman’s architectural office until the time of his death in 1961. The Albrecht Library also includes architectural sketches, renderings, drawings and photographs of Herman Albrecht’s work.

Robert Albrecht wanted the Albrecht Library to be greatly expanded by “aggressively acquiring as many more books as possible - rare books,” on the traditional architecture of the entire world, with a focus on books published between 1485-1950.

The Albrecht Trust will be used to purchase additional significant resources for the benefit of scholars, architects and architecture students.

If you would like to suggest titles to be considered for future purchase, please contact Tina Franks.

OSU Class of 1908: Herman J. Albrecht

Herman J. Albrecht was a well-known and respected architect who designed many stately homes in northern Ohio. Albrecht was born in Massillon and received his training at Ohio State where he graduated in 1908.

His career was spent designing homes in the Cleveland area and an "Albrecht Home" was considered to be among the best real estate in the Massillon, Canton and Cleveland areas.

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(*) Closed home football games

UPCOMING EVENT

October 29
View the Albrecht Collection in Thompson Library’s Rare Books Reading Room from 6pm–8pm.
RESERVE MATERIALS

Permanent and course reserve materials are located behind the circulation desk and must be checked out with a photo ID.

Loan Periods
Most materials circulate for two hours. Many of our reserves may be checked out overnight if they are picked up within two hours of closing and are due back within an hour of opening the following day.

Course Reserves
Books and journals are added to our course reserve collection each semester by instructors for use in specific courses.

If you are an instructor wishing to place materials on reserve please contact Rachel Deavers indicating the title, author, edition and course name.

Permanent Reserves
Frequently requested books and journals are kept on reserve year-round.

WHAT’S NEW FOR FALL 2014?

Students and faculty returning to campus for Fall Semester will notice some changes in the Architecture Library.

Our well-worn carpet has been replaced!

We’ve converted a former storage room into a group study room which can be reserved online beginning October 1.

Faculty can now reserve the Special Collections Room for class visits, meetings or individual study beginning September 1. A faculty member must remain in the room during the scheduled event. The room is available Monday-Friday from 9 am—9 pm.

Our library catalog has been updated and the locations of materials have been renamed. Materials are now located on the “Main Floor” (formerly 4th Floor) and “Mezzanine” (formerly 5th Floor).

We’re excited to announce that many of the restrictive loan periods have been eliminated for hundreds of materials and journals. We’re still reviewing the collection so even more items will become available for checkout in the near future.

WHAT’S NEXT FOR FALL 2014?

We’re waiting for additional tables, chairs and stools to arrive so we can provide additional seating on the Main Floor and the Mezzanine.

We will begin testing the viability of providing access to the library catalog via an iPad station on the Mezzanine. The iPad has arrived, but we’re waiting for the mounting fixture to be purchased.

CONTACT US!

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Research assistance, class visits, instruction, library tours, Albrecht collections and book and journal recommendations for purchase.

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Course reserves, reserves, overdue materials, fines and Special Collections Room reservations.