
The Yocum Library

Resources for History

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Print Books

[The Yocum Library](#) has hundreds of print books on historical subjects that you can check out of the library. If you want to browse the collection on Floor 3 the call numbers range from C through F with titles on American history mainly in the E and F sections.

The Yocum Library has 250+ books alone on the American Civil War.

Print books circulate for four weeks and can be renewed if not requested by others.

Yocum book holdings are found by using the [online catalog](#) . This catalog also contains the holdings of the Berks County Public Libraries which could have books of use too.

E-Books

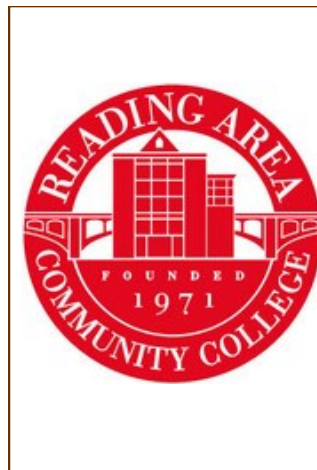
[The Yocum Library](#) subscribes to e-book databases that are useful when researching history topics. The [Oxford Online Reference Collection](#) includes 30+

College libraries have a collection of print books that are used just in the library. These books are called the

“Reference” or “Research” Collection. The Yocum Library Research Collection books are on Floor 2 near the Research Librarians’ offices.

Important history research books include *The Dictionary of American History* E174 .D52 2003 and the *American National Biography* E176 .A68 1999. Also shelved in the

Research Area are copies of *The Historical Review of Berks County*.



history research books. Look for this image

The library also has [EBSCOhost e-books](#) that include 1000+ books on history topics.

Also try exploring [Google Books](#).

Online Databases



Remote access usernames & passwords are found in ANGEL LMS

ProQuest Central

- Abstracting and indexing for 850+ titles, with almost 200 full-text history titles

Project Muse

- Thousands of full-text articles in 400+ peer-reviewed journals
- Includes 80+ history journals
- Access it off-campus through the RACC portal

Accessible Archives

- Ben Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette* newspaper
- American County Histories
- African-American newspapers
- Civil War Collection
- History of Women Suffrage Collection
- *Godey's Lady's Book*

Ancestry.com

- Library edition that is available on campus only
- Contains many primary records such as tax lists, censuses, estate and church records.

Google News Archives

Google project that digitized many newspapers including the *Reading Eagle* from the 1860s through 2008.

Websites

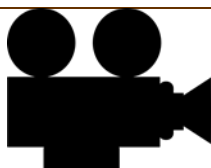


The Yocum Library includes a section on their website called "[Useful Internet Links.](#)" RACC adjunct history instructor Jodi Greene has recommended a collection of American, European, and world history websites that comprise the [Useful Internet Links for history](#) on the Yocum Library's website.

For information on Pennsylvania's history check the [Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission's website](#)

For information on Berks County history check the [Berks History Center website.](#)

The Yocum Library has passes to the Berks History Center that can be checked out which provide free admission to the Berks History Center.



Documentary DVDs

The Yocum Library has the largest film collection in the area and it includes documentaries arranged by subject including:

Egyptian pyramids
The Story of the Jews
The History of Christianity
Islam, empire of faith
Medieval lives : birth, marriage, death
The Crusades
Black in Latin America
Conquistadors
Thomas Jefferson
Lewis & Clark
The Civil War
The Roosevelts
The forgotten plague
Prohibition
The Civilian Conservation Corps
Riding the rails

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