Primary source resources for disability history

Primary Source Resources on 2-hour reserve at Central Library

Gary L. Albrecht, ed., *Encyclopedia of Disability* (vol. 5)

Lois Bragg, *Deaf World: A Historical Reader and Primary Sourcebook*

Susan Burch, ed., *The Encyclopedia of American Disability History* (3 volumes; all contain primary sources)

Disability History Museum Library

Contains thousands of online textual and visual sources with an American focus and a strong keyword hierarchy.

Disability Rights and Independent Living Movement oral histories

Over a hundred extensive and text-searchable oral histories conducted with leaders in the disability rights and independent living movement.

Museum of disABILITY History

Contains multiple exhibits and several hundred items in online collections.

Image Archive on the American Eugenics Movement

Has multiple online exhibits and hundreds of online visual and textual sources.

National Library of Medicine Online Exhibits and Digital Collections
Thousands of online resources cover topics ranging from Civil War injuries to the development of prosthetics.

**Vermont Eugenics: A Documentary History**
Contains overview and online documents from the Eugenics Survey of Vermont (1925).

**The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic**
Online version of the Willard Asylum Suitcase Exhibit. Contains images and biographies of inmates of the asylum.

**Rochester School for the Deaf’s Rochester Advocate**
One of the dozens of “Little Papers” published by residential state schools for deaf children, these papers helped connect and build the American Deaf community. More information about the Little Paper family available at: [http://libguides.gallaudet.edu/content.php?pid=128460&sid=1102256](http://libguides.gallaudet.edu/content.php?pid=128460&sid=1102256)
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**Magazine of the Disabled Students Organization at the University of Illinois, Sigma Signs**
This magazine records the activities of Delta Sigma Omicron, the disabled students’ organization, at the first university to welcome large numbers of students with mobility impairments: University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign. Issues are available in multiple formats and run from 1949 to 2007.

**UTA electronic databases with primary sources**
This page provides links to:

- full text of the *Dallas Morning News*
- full text of thousands of magazines and pamphlets (colonial era to World War II) via the American Periodical Series Online
- thousands of fully searchable legal cases via Lexis–Nexis Academic
- Other relevant databases include
  - Sabin American (1500–1926)
  - American Film Scripts
  - American History in Video
  - Arte Publico Hispanic Historical Collection
  - Chronicling America
  - Eighteenth Century Collections Online
  - HarpWeek (full text of *Harper’s Weekly* 1857–1912)
  - North American Immigrant Letters, Diaries, and Oral Histories
  - North American Women’s Letters and Diaries
UTA Special Collections

Holds thousands of items related to Texas history. The Texas Labor Archives contain hundreds of oral histories of workers and labor leaders and many manuscript and published materials.

Texas Archival Resources Online catalog (TARO)

Contains many but not all finding aids and inventories for UTA's Special Collections as well as for forty other repositories across the Metroplex and state.

Texas Disability History Collection

UTA Library Guide on Comic Books & Graphic Novels

Includes links to collections of government and educational comic books.

UTA Library Guide to Primary Sources

Defines primary sources and links to several dozen online primary source repositories, some publicly accessible and some available only through UTA's library.