

ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY - GENEALOGY CENTER

The Allen County Library is located in Fort Wayne, IN, which is about a 3 hour drive from western suburbs of Chicago. Their hours are Mon – Thurs. 10 a.m. To 8. Friday and Sat. 10 a.m. To 6 p.m. Sunday 12 a.m. To 5 p.m.

Second only to the Mormon collection in Utah, this place claims to have the most complete resources available in the U.S. I would recommend you visit the website at Genealogy@ACPL.info for more complete information.

The genealogy department employs eight genealogy librarians who can assist in various ways. There are people who can assist if you are there in person, they have a Facebook page that announces presentations and information on genealogy that are done by the library, they have consultation available by appointment on phone at 260-421-1225, email at Genealogy@ACPL.info and they have a newsletter that you can sign up for.

While they do present virtual presentations on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings on various topics, it is necessary to sign up prior to the event. These are usually announced on their Facebook page or in their newsletter. Eventually they are made available on YouTube. They have a current collection of almost 150 YouTube presentations that range from 30 minutes to about 1 hr. 15 minutes. These are free, available online at YouTube the Genealogy Center.

The resources include American records as well as international records from many countries. These records include vital records, newspaper records, trade and commercial organization records, church records, military records, Family Bibles, Family Genealogies,

On the website you will find a “log in” box. It is not necessary to have a log in that only applies to Allen Co. Library holders. Anything listed as a free database is available without any logging in. Today's presentation can be seen on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-hYA9NEIY4>