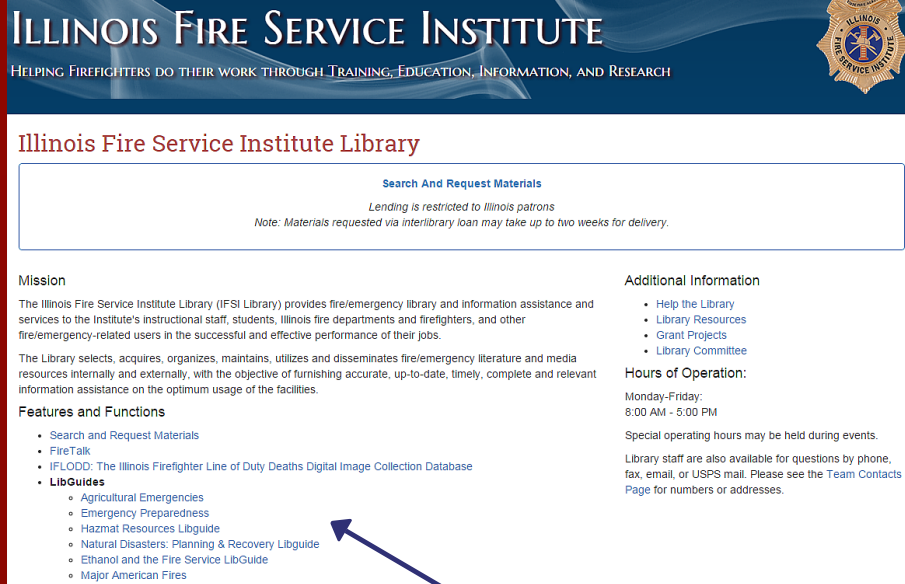




Illinois Fire Service Institute Library LibGuides



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HELPING FIREFIGHTERS DO THEIR WORK THROUGH TRAINING, EDUCATION, INFORMATION, AND RESEARCH

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Mission
The Illinois Fire Service Institute Library (IFSI Library) provides fire/emergency library and information assistance and services to the institute's instructional staff, students, Illinois fire departments and firefighters, and other fire/emergency-related users in the successful and effective performance of their jobs.

The Library selects, acquires, organizes, maintains, utilizes and disseminates fire/emergency literature and media resources internally and externally, with the objective of furnishing accurate, up-to-date, timely, complete and relevant information assistance on the optimum usage of the facilities.

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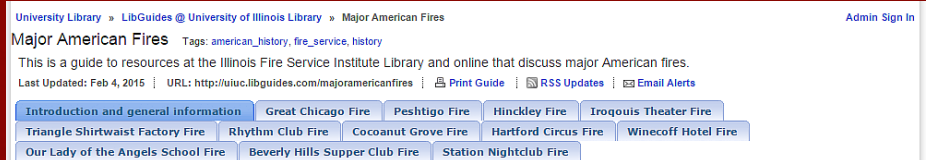
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Library staff are also available for questions by phone, fax, email, or USPS mail. Please see the Team Contacts Page for numbers or addresses.

Features and Functions

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- **LibGuides**
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 - Hazmat Resources Libguide
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 - Ethanol and the Fire Service LibGuide
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Access the LibGuides by going to www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/library/

What subjects do our LibGuides cover?



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Major American Fires Tags: american_history, fire_service, history

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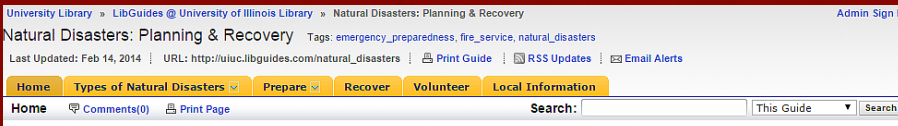


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IFSI Home | IFSI Class Reserves | National Library of Medicine (NLM) | CHEMM | WISER | TOXNET | REMM | NIOSH Pocket Guide | PHMSA Emergency Response Guidebook | CAMEO | ATSDR | Smartphone/Tablet Apps

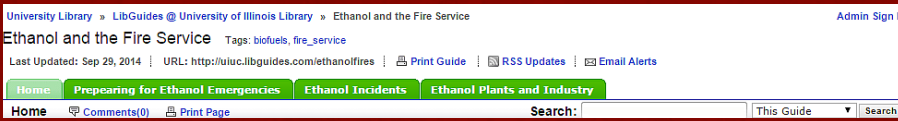


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Ethanol and the Fire Service Tags: biofuels, fire_service

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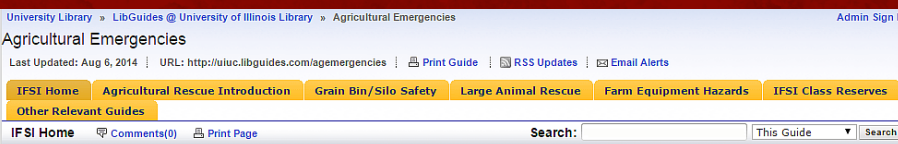
University Library » LibGuides @ University of Illinois Library » History of the U.S. Fire Service

History of the U.S. Fire Service

This guide provides resources for researching the history and traditions of the U.S. fire service.

Last Updated: Dec 7, 2014 | URL: <http://uiuc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=644969> | Print Guide | RSS Updates | Email Alerts

IFSI Home | Fire Service History Introduction | Fire Department Histories | IFSI History | Apparatus History | IFSI Class Reserves



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Agricultural Emergencies

Last Updated: Aug 6, 2014 | URL: <http://uiuc.libguides.com/agemergencies> | Print Guide | RSS Updates | Email Alerts

IFSI Home | Agricultural Rescue Introduction | Grain Bin/Silo Safety | Large Animal Rescue | Farm Equipment Hazards | IFSI Class Reserves

Other Relevant Guides

We currently have LibGuides about Major American Fires, Hazmat, Natural Disasters & Preparedness, History of the Fire Service, Ethanol, and Agricultural Emergencies. If there's a subject you would like us to create a Libguide for that isn't listed, contact us at the IFSI Library and we'll be happy to help!

How do I use the LibGuides?

Each tab has information on that specific topic.

Each page has general subject resources and the library's contact information.

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Fire in America - Paul R. Lyons
Call Number: TH 91 L5 N28 1976
Publication Date: 1976
This covers fires in the United States from 1800 to 1976, including sections on many major fires.



Great Chicago Fires: Historic Blazes that Shaped a City - David Cowan
Call Number: TH9445.P8C43 2001
ISBN: 1993121070
Publication Date: 2001
This book discusses major Chicago fires, including the Great Chicago Fire, Iroquois Theater Fire, and Our Lady of the Angels School fire.

Major American Fires





Photo by John McColgan, fire behavior analyst at the U.S. Forest Service

This guide was produced by the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) library to bring together resources about major American fires. These include books and audiovisual material available at the IFSI Library as well as freely available online material, including articles, websites, and videos. The primary audience of this guide is fire fighters and emergency responders, but students and members of the public with an interest in American history might also find this guide useful. Each tab of this guide contains information about a different fire.

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The Great Chicago Fire: Introduction





Image by John R. Chapin, originally published in an 1871 issue of Harper's Weekly

The Great Chicago Fire, which burned from October 8-10, 1871, destroyed 3.3 square miles of the city, killed around 300 people, and left 100,000 people homeless. The fire originated in or around a barn owned by Patrick and Catherine O'Leary, according to legend, the fire started in the barn when a cow Catherine O'Leary was milking kicked over a lantern. This story has been disproven, and the actual cause of the fire remains unknown. The fire spread quickly due to drought conditions and strong winds, and the city's primarily wooden buildings and sidewalks burned readily.

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Almost every tab will have general information on the topic...

Have questions? Feel free to contact us!

Digitized Books

A number of books about the fire were published in the months proceeding it. These books provide a fascinating glimpse of contemporary perceptions of the fire and its aftermath. Some place the fire in a broader context by chronicling the history of Chicago up to that time. Others document the donations and relief efforts extended to the city by individuals and municipalities from around the U.S. and around the world. Some also include discussions of fire science as it was understood at that time.

They are now in the public domain and have been digitized by libraries.

- The Great Fire: Leading Newspaper Accounts of the Great Chicago Conflagration**
This book, published by St. Louis Book and News Co. not long after the fire, is composed of reprints of articles from newspapers around the country documenting the fire, including the St. Louis Times, the New York Tribune, the New York Sun, the Chicago Evening Journal, the Chicago Tribune, and a paper identified only as "The Spectator." The articles include lists of the Illinois companies doing business in Chicago at that time, buildings destroyed, approximate financial losses of Chicago businesses, and donations by other cities. The book is part of the University of Illinois Digital Books Collection.
- Chicago Relief: First Special Report of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society**
The Chicago Relief and Aid Society was responsible for managing and distributing the donations received by the city of Chicago after the fire. This report is the society's explanation as to how the relief process was carried out. The Treasurer's report is a very detailed listing of all the donations received, listing individual donors within the U.S. by city and state and international donors by country. The book is part of the University of Illinois Digital Books Collection.
- Final Report of the Proceedings of the Masonic Board of Relief of the City of Chicago**
The Masons of Chicago received many donations from Masonic Lodges around the country. These donations were distributed to Chicago Masons affected by the fire and their families. This book includes a list of all the funds and supplies received organized by state, city, and lodge, and a line-by-line account of how the funds were distributed. The book is part of the University of Illinois Digital Books Collection.
- The Great Conflagration: Chicago: Its past, present, and future**
This book, by James W. Sheahan and George P. Upton of the Chicago Daily Tribune, includes a detailed history of Chicago, a description of the fire and its destruction, stories of individuals' actions during the fire, and descriptions of historical major fires.
- The Lakeside Memorial of the Burning of Chicago, A.D. 1871**
This book, published in 1872, includes sections on Chicago before the fire, the fire itself, the losses, the relief effort, and the future of Chicago, as well as a section on historical fires and fire science as understood at that time. The book is part of the University of Illinois Digital Books Collection.
- The Lost City! Drama of the Fire Fiend or Chicago as it was, and as it is!**
This book, published in 1872, is a sensationalized account of the history of Chicago, the fire, and its aftermath. It includes many engravings. This book is part of the University of Illinois Digital Books Collection.

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Online Resources


- The Great Chicago Fire and the Web of Memory**
This site, by the Chicago Historical Society, includes a history of the fire itself (entitled "The Great Chicago Fire") as well as people's responses to and remembrances of the fire ("The Web of Memory"). There is also a guide to "Touring the Fire" by visiting 54 Chicago landmarks related to the fire.

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...as well as library and online resources!

Resources at the IFSI Library


These links take you to the IFSI catalog. To request an item, click "Add to Request Bin." This takes you to a page where you can fill out the online request form and submit to the IFSI library. To request items, you must be an Illinois resident with a library card from an Illinois library.




The Great Chicago Fire - Ross Miller
Call Number: NA735.C4M55 2000
ISBN: 0252068145
Publication Date: 2000
Previously published in hardcover as *American Apocalypse: The Great Fire and the Myth of Chicago*, which is also available at IFSI.




Unsolved History: Chicago Fire (DVD) - Discovery Channel
Call Number: TH9505 C45u 2003
Publication Date: 2003




The Great Chicago Fire: In Eyewitness Accounts and 70 Contemporary Photographs and Illustrations - David Lowe (Editor)
Call Number: TH9505.C45 1979
ISBN: 9780486237718
Publication Date: 1979



The Great Fire - Jim Murphy
Call Number: TH9505.C45 2006
ISBN: 9780438203074
Publication Date: 2006
Book is written for middle school audience



The Great Chicago Fire - Paul M. Angle (introduction and notes); Mary Frances Rhymer (picture selection)
Call Number: TH9505.C45u 1971
Publication Date: 1971



The Great Fire: Chicago 1871 - Herman Kogan and Robert Cromie
Call Number: TH9505.C45u 1971
Publication Date: 1971

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