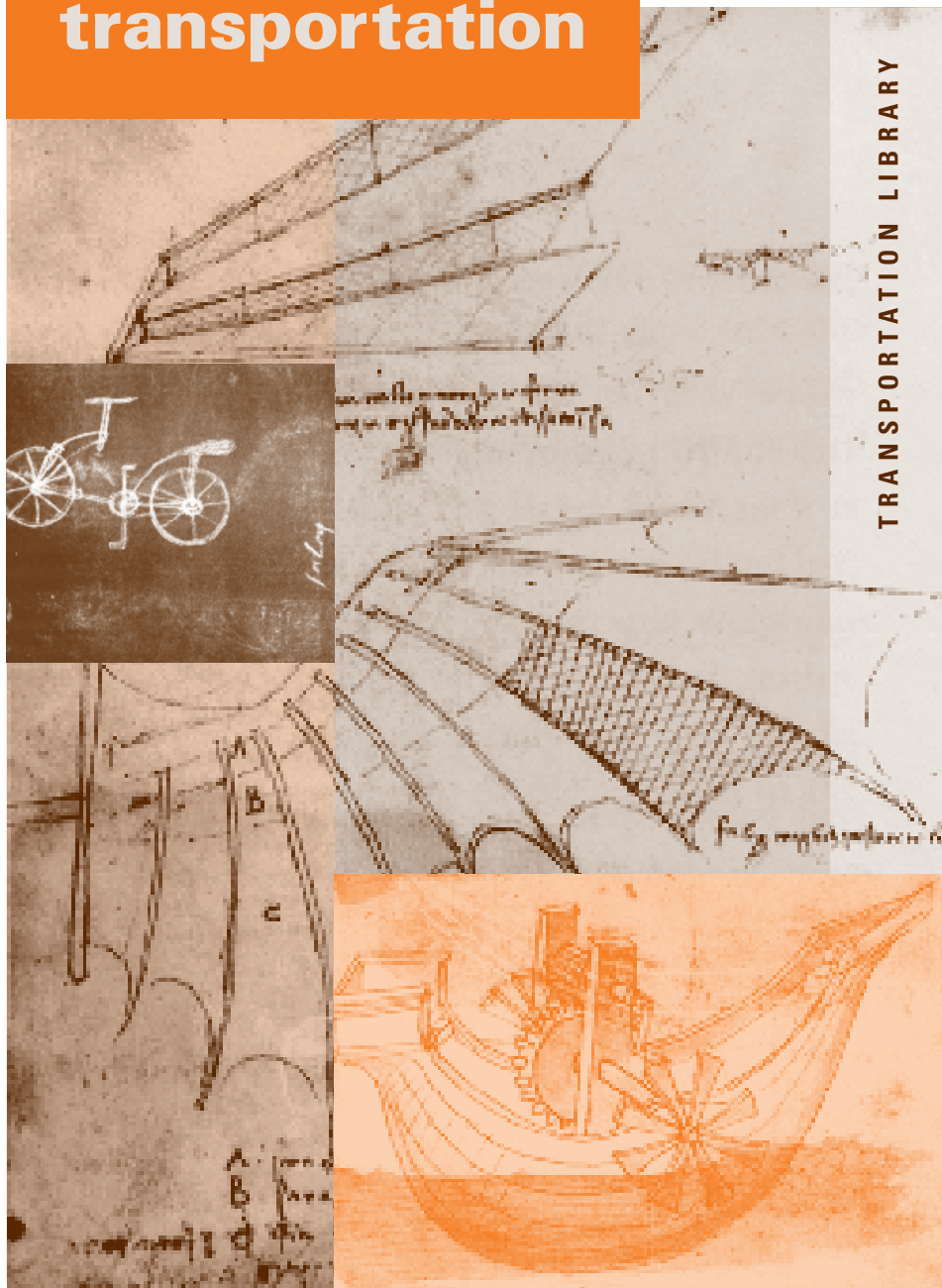


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TRANSPORTATION LIBRARY



WHAT IS THE TRANSPORTATION LIBRARY?

The Transportation Library of Northwestern University is one of the largest transportation information centers in the world. Founded in 1958, the Transportation Library supports the curricula and research of the Transportation Center and the Center for Public Safety. Its collection of more than 450,000 items encompasses information on all forms of transportation — including air, rail, highway, pipeline, water, and urban transportation and logistics — with an emphasis on the socioeconomic aspects of transportation. The library maintains a significant collection on law enforcement, police management, and traffic enforcement. Its collection of environmental impact statements is one of the most complete in the world.

Located on Level 5 of the North Tower of University Library, the Transportation Library is open to both the Northwestern community and the general public. The collection itself is available all hours that the University Library is open; however, reference assistance is only available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Patrons should call ahead for hours during holidays and intersessions.

The library's knowledgeable staff offers a full range of reference services to the Northwestern community, including bibliographic instruction, information literacy instruction, research guidance, ready reference, and referral. Reference requests may be made in person or via telephone, fax, regular mail, or e-mail.

Non-Northwestern patrons are offered approximately 20 minutes of free ready reference services to identify relevant materials held by Northwestern University Library, create a short bibliography, or get a referral to a more appropriate resource. If more time is required, additional reference services are available for a fee.

The reference librarian may be contacted at trans@northwestern.edu.

GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION LIBRARY RESOURCES AND SERVICES

The library's collection includes books, electronic resources, reports, periodicals, annual reports, and pamphlets. There are 177,400 items in microform and approximately 1,500 CD-ROMs. A collection of approximately 3,175 serials includes journals, directories, trade magazines, and airline and railroad schedules, some dating back to the 19th century.

TRANweb

One of the Transportation Library's most valuable resources is TRANweb, an online periodical index created and maintained by the library's staff. TRANweb contains bibliographic and location information for approximately 300,000 items, including magazine articles, conference papers, and other material on transportation and law enforcement topics. Coverage in the online file generally extends back through 1979, and through 1976 for scholarly journals. This periodical index is universally accessible at <http://tran.library.northwestern.edu>.

Annual Reports

The Transportation Library maintains a collection of annual reports, primarily on airline and railroad companies. Some of the railroad company reports date back to the 19th century and provide a unique look at the early days of railroading.

Environmental Impact Statements

One of the world's largest collections of environmental impact statements (EISs) — approximately 52,000 volumes — is available in the Transportation Library. It includes about 80 percent of the EISs issued by federal agencies since 1969, usually in draft as well as final form, and related documents such as environmental assessments, findings of no significant impact, records of decisions, supplementary reports, and maps. A small collection of EISs issued by individual states and by foreign governments is also maintained. The collection is updated by weekly shipments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Law Enforcement

In the areas of law enforcement, police management, and traffic enforcement, the library maintains a significant collection of more than 10,000 titles that is used by the students of the Center for Public Safety, as well as police officers from all over the country.

Books and Monographs

Approximately 325,000 of the items in the Transportation Library are in book, monograph, report, or pamphlet form. The collection dates back to the 18th century and

addresses the socioeconomic aspects of transportation, including management, operations, finance, economics, planning, regulation, history, and safety. Approximately 8,000 items are added to the collection yearly.

Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan

The Transportation Library operates a document delivery and interlibrary loan service, which sends photocopies and lends items throughout the world. Items may also be borrowed from other libraries at the request of the faculty, staff, or students of the Transportation Center or the Center for Public Safety. Requests for document delivery may be made in person; via telephone, fax, e-mail, or mail (see back panel of this brochure for numbers and addresses); or through the OCLC at www.oclc.org.

For the policies and procedures governing document delivery and interlibrary loan service, see www.library.northwestern.edu/transportation/services.html.

Bibliographic Instruction

Class instructors or individual researchers may wish to contact the reference librarian, trans@northwestern.edu, to make an appointment for instruction on how to use the Transportation Library or how to identify major sources of information relative to transportation, law enforcement, or environmental impact assessment.

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