Research Guide to Materials about the Reformation in the Bishop Payne Library

This guide is an overview of resources and strategies for students engaged in research on the history of the Reformation. It is meant to serve as a guide to help you make the most of the many resources that are available at the Bishop Payne Library.

This guide starts out by covering general works on the time period of the Reformation. Specific resources on the work of Martin Luther, the English Reformation, and Jean Calvin are also provided.

### Library Catalog

The library’s online catalog is the logical place to begin your research. Searching can be done by author, title, Library of Congress subject heading (LCSH) or keyword. Some representative Library of Congress subject searches include:

- **Reformation** – May be subdivided geographically, for example Reformation – England. [The call numbers in this area typically range from BR 300 – BR 420.]
- **Protestantism**
- **Church history – 16th Century**
- **Reformation – Biography** (can also be searched by personal name)

### General Resources

#### Reference Materials

**Ref. BR 302.8 .O98 1996 (4 vol.)**


A comprehensive resource intended to focus on all aspects of this time in history, including religious, social, scientific, and other changes.

**Ref. BR 95 .O98 1997**


Over 6000 articles, each with a bibliography that emphasizes primary sources. This work is especially good for identifying individuals.

**Ref. BR 95 .W532**

Gives a brief introduction to the major people and events in western church history.

Ref. D 208 .N532 v.2

Ref. G 1796 .E4 A5

Working maps intended for use in the study of the history of the Middle Ages and the Reformation.

PAM 1962 62

Bibliography of titles related to various periods of church history.

**Primary Sources**

BR 141 .B565 1967

A large selection of major documents of Christian history.

BR 301 .R3327 1999

An anthology of guided readings in the primary sources of the Reformation period.

BR 301 .S761

A series of statements issued between 1501 and 1559 regarding the Reformation.

BT 27 .R331 2002

Includes works by both major and minor characters of the Reformation. The work seeks to cover a variety of viewpoints.

**Secondary Sources**
BR 305 .B35

Comprehensive treatment of the historical period from the Middle Ages to modern times.

BR 305.2 .C182

Survey and analysis of the European Reformation.

BR 305.2 .C432

A complete history of the Reformation.

BR 305.2 .G684 1973

History of the Reformation in Europe.

BR 305.2 .R333 (2 vol.)

Extensive biographical information and guide to research topics in the Reformation era.

BR 317 .B162

Brief biographical sketches of women who played roles in the Catholic and Protestant reform movements of the early 16th century.

CB 359 .S762

Gives a good overview of the many aspects that led to the Reformation, including the thought, socio-economic situation, culture and religion of the time.

**Martin Luther and the German Reformation**

**Primary Sources**

Ref. BR 324 .P715 vol. 1-3

A collection of quotations from Martin Luther arranged by subject.

**Ref. BR 330 .E5 1955 vol. 1-55 (also in Open Stacks)**


Includes Luther’s lectures, sermons, writings, and table talk.

**BR 331 .E5 D5 1961**


Selections of Luther’s works arranged by key topics.

**BR 331 .E58**


One-volume anthology of Luther’s basic theological writings.

**Ref BX 8069 .A2 2000 (also in Open Stacks)**


Most recent translation of the primary documents of the Lutheran faith, including The Augsburg Confession and Luther’s Large and Small Catechisms.

**Secondary Sources**

**BR 325 .B26**


Biography of the life and work of Martin Luther.

**BR 325 .C178 2003**


Written to introduce the life and works of Martin Luther, as well as cover the impact of his work on modern church history.

**BR 325 .S6**

Biography of Martin Luther presented through the use of Luther’s letters and transcriptions of his table talk.

**The English Reformation**

**Primary Sources**

**Ref. BR 375 .D637 1994 (also in Open Stacks)**


Source materials covering the period from 1526 to 1700.

**BV 823 .B873**


Sets Cranmer’s writings within the 16th century environment.

**Secondary Sources**

**BR 375 .D548**


General history of the English Reformation.

**BR 375 .I34 1997**


Collection of essays exploring the English Reformation in terms of its origins, implementations, and outcomes.

**BR 375 .P88**


History of the Reformation period in England

**BT 27 .H894**

Single volume intended to provide a statement of the theological positions of English reformers.

**BX5055 .D5 6 vol.**

Comprehensive history of the Church of England through the 19th century.

**DA 317.8 .C8 M34 1996**

Definitive biography of Thomas Cranmer.

*Jean Calvin*