**Brewing Libraries**

**An annotated list**

Books on brewing and alcoholic drinks in general are to be found in almost every major library. This list covers only libraries which I know to have a relatively large/important collection of such publications and/or are sited at establishments associated with alcoholic drinks. Specifically excluded are national libraries and such institutions as the Bodleian Library, Cambridge University Library, the Science Museum Library, which although they may contain many eligible books and journals - as a glance at Copac (<http://copac.jisc.ac.uk/>) will show - are outside the scope of this specialist list. An exception is made for the Smithsonian in Washington because of its unparalleled applied science collection rich in brewing material.

**Australia**

**Edith Cowan University (ECU)**

Edith Cowan University (ECU)

School of Natural Sciences
Building 19

270 Joondalup Drive

Joondalup
Western Australia 6027

Website: <http://www.ecu.edu.au/schools/science/research-activity/pilot-malting-australia>

Tel: 61 8 6304 5686
Email: y.garwood@ecu.edu.au. j.luff@ecu.edu.au

The ECU ‘Malting and Brewing Research and Education Facility’ houses a 50l pilot brewery, 600 litre microbrewery, filtration and packaging equipment and 100 Kg pilot malting plant. The latter is at the disposal of local brewers. The university has offered short courses in brewing and a ‘Graduate Diploma of Micro Brewing’ at its Joondalup campus in the past, but it is not clear form its website whether these are currently available. There is no departmental library. The campus library holds many the better-known brewing textbooks and journals and provides access to ebooks on the subject.

**Austria**

**Austrian Beverages Institute**

Österreichisches Getränkeinstitut

Berufsschule fur Brau-und Getranketechnik und fur Destillateure
Blaasstrasse 29
1190 Vienna

Austria

Website: [www.oegi.at](http://www.oegi.at/)

Tel: +43 1 479 69 24-12
Email: office@oegi.at

Founded in 1887 and renamed in 1990 the Institute offers courses in ‘Learned Brewer Technician (pre-Master Brewer) and Distiller’. It appears to have a small technical library but no details are available.

**Belgium**

**Ghent University**

Faculty of Bioscience Engineering,

Laboratory of Biochemistry and Brewing,

Ghent University,

Ghent,

Belgium

Website: <https://www.ugent.be/en/ghentuniv/facilities/library/university-library.htm>

Tel: +32 9 264 94 55

Email: libservice@ugent.be

Ghent University houses a small research group involved in brewing related topics. Most of the research is in collaboration with industry.  The laboratory, founded in 1887, is the oldest brewing laboratory in Belgium. Ghent university has a network libraries and holds a modest number of brewing related books spread across various faculties.

**The Catholic University of Leuven**

KU Leuven

Leuven Institute of Beer Research (LIBR)

KU Leuven Technology Campus Ghent,

Belgium

Websites: http://www.kuleuven.be/about/. <http://libr.be/about.php>

The Leuven Institute of Beer Research is an umbrella name for a group of four laboratories on the university campus which impinge to a greater or lesser extent on aspects of brewing related science and technology at Belgium’s biggest university. The 24 [KU Leuven libraries and learning centres](http://bib.kuleuven.be/english/ub/about/libraries) are spread throughout 12 campuses in Flanders. The brewing collection is extensive and includes over 150 dissertations on brewing related subjects generated at KU Leuven.

**British Isles**

**Birmingham University**

University of Birmingham

Edgbaston

Birmingham

B15 2TT

Website: www.**birmingham**.ac.uk/**libraries**

Cadbury Research Library: (Special Collections). Muirhead Tower (LG Floor)

Tel: 0121 414 5839.

email: special-collections@bham.ac.uk

Birmingham University was home to the first brewing department to be established in a UK university. The British School of Malting and Brewing was founded in 1899 at what was then Mason College and survived until 1987 when, amongst some controversy, the UK’s Brewers’ Society decided that it could no longer support two brewing schools and favoured Herriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, over Birmingham. As a consequence of its brewing past the university has a sizable collection of technical publications on malting and brewing. The antiquarian books and documents tend to be held in the Cadbury Research Library, which is home to the university’s historic collections and is open to the public 9-5 on weekdays. Most of the other brewing material is to be found in the “Research Reserve” in the main library which houses little used material. The latter is usually only accessible to staff and research students.

**Camden BRI**

Coopers Hill Road

Nutfield

Surrey

RH1 4HY

Website: www.**campdenbri.**co.uk

Tel: 01737 822272.

email: information@campdenbri.co.uk.

Contact: David Fordyce. email: d.fordyce@bri-advantage.com.

The Nutfield site of Camden BRI, houses an extensive technical brewing library. It is usually only accessible to members. A bulletin of current technical literature has been produced since c. 1950, but is again only available to staff and members.

**Courage Archive**

Courage Archive

c/o Harrow Green

Portview Road

Avonmouth

Bristol

BS11 9JG

The Courage Archive was for many years kept on the Courage site in Bristol (previously Bristol Brewery Georges), and when I visited it some 15 years ago it contained, in addition to extensive archive material, many shelves of magazines and books. Particularly notable amongst the latter were numerous volumes relating to Dr. Samuel Johnson, including an annotated first edition of his 1755 two volume eccentric masterpiece, ‘A Dictionary of the English Language’. {Johnson’s association with the Thrale brewing family is particularly remembered through his comment at the sale of their Southwark brewery to Barclay Perkins in 1781: “We are not here to sell a parcel of boilers and vats, but the potentiality of growing rich, beyond the dreams of avarice”. Barclay Perkins merged with Courage in 1955.}. The Bristol site has now been redeveloped and when last heard of some 5 years ago the archive had been moved to Avonmouth at the above address. There is no direct public access. [There are unconfirmed reports that it has since moved to the John Smith’s brewery in Tadcaster now owned by Heineken].

**Guinness Dublin**

Guinness Storehouse

Market Street
St James's Gate
Dublin 8
Ireland

Website: [www.guinness-storehouse.com/en/Archive.aspx](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com/en/Archive.aspx)
Tel: 353 1 4714557
email: guinness.archives@diageo.com. info@guinnessstorehouse.com

Contact: Eibhlin Roche, Guinness Archivist

A splendid, accessible, well-staffed archive of the company which also contains books old and new, journals, magazines and manuscripts. Access to the Guinness Storehouse Archives is by appointment only and open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. The Guinness laboratories at the Dublin brewery also have a library, but this is not open to the public.

**Herriot-Watt University. International Centre for Brewing and Distilling (ICBD)**

International Centre for Brewing & Distilling

**Heriot-Watt University**

**The Avenue**

Edinburgh

Scotland

EH14 4AS

Website: www.hw.ac.uk/services/**information-services**.htmThis email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Tel: 0131 449 5111.

email: enquiries@eps.hw.ac.uk.

Contact: Dr Dawn Maskell. email: D.L.Maskell@hw.ac.uk

Edinburgh Campus Library

ServiceDesk@hw.ac.uk
Tel: 0131 451 3577

The ICBD is a “teaching and research facility” within the School of Engineering & Physical Sciences at Herriot-Watt. It offers both BSc honours and master’s degrees in Brewing and Distilling. Brewing education started at Heriot-Watt in 1903/4 and the ICBD was established in 1988. The small departmental library is supplemented by the university library with books and journals related to the biochemical and microbiological aspects of malting, brewing and distilling. There is very little pre-1900 material in either library.

**History of Advertising Trust Archive**

12 Reveningham Centre

Reveningham

Norwich

NR14 6NU

Website: [www.hatads.org.uk](http://www.hatads.org.uk)

Tel:01508 548623

email: enquiries@hatads.org.uk

On moving into its impressive new £189m building in 2013 Birmingham public library decided that it no longer wanted to house the Brewing History Society Archive. The History of Advertising Trust (HAT), founded in 1976, agreed to take the Society’s accumulation of advertising material. This comprised original artwork, posters, videos. The Trust also inherited books, magazines, newspapers and journals which duplicated those already held at the National Brewing Library. HAT was already well stocked with an impressive collection of drink related advertising material. Study visits are welcomed - free to students - by appointment in advance.

**Institute of Alcohol Studies.**

Alliance House

12 Caxton Street

London

SW1H OQS

Website: www.**ias.**org.uk

Tel: 020 7222 4001

email: info@ias.org.uk

Contact: Research and Information Officer: Habib Kadiri. email: hkadiri@ias.org.uk

The London office of the Institute of Alcoholic Studies houses an extensive temperance history reference library and archive.  The Institute is a trading arm of an organisation founded as the United Kingdom Alliance in 1853, which became the United Kingdom Temperance Alliance in 1942 and the Alliance House Foundation in 2003. The Institute of Alcohol Studies is a charity registered in 2005 and “concentrates its efforts on education and training” often crossing swords with drinks industry backed Drinkaware and the Portman Group.

**Leeds University. Chaston Chapman Library.**

Special Collections
The Brotherton Library
University of Leeds
Leeds LS2 9JT

Website: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/special-collections

Tel: 0113 343 5518
email: specialcollections@library.leeds.ac.uk

Alfred Chaston Chapman was a prominent consulting chemist and man of affairs who specialised in brewing. Born in 1869, he attended Leeds Grammar School before, while still in his teens, becoming an assistant to the Professor of Chemical Technology at University College London. He never took a degree but in 1920 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society – the last to date, and in all certainty the last ever, ‘brewing chemist’ to achieve this distinction. The Chaston Chapman Library houses his “working collection”, based on his London laboratory and donated to the University on his death in 1932, and his “private collection” of historical books, presented by his wife in 1939. Both may be found in the Special Collections of the university and have been added to somewhat haphazardly since the original donations. The collection contains works on brewing and alcohol which date from 1578, with the rare *A Perfite platforme of a Hoppe Garden*, to 1986.

**The Magic Attic**

Sharpe’s Heritage Centre

West Street

Swadlincote

Derbyshire

DE11 9DG

Website: www.magicattic.org.uk

Tel: 01283 819020

email: magicatticarch@gmail.com

Contact: Christopher Nutt

This is a local archive run by volunteers which contains newspapers, photographs, maps, artefacts and family history information. Although strongly South Derbyshire and North-West Leicestershire orientated, its proximity to Burton-on-Trent (5 miles away) means that much brewing related material has been scooped up, including books, photographs and part-runs of journals. It has been going for 30 years and published dozens of books on local history on its own account. The Attic is looked after by a team of volunteers.

Opening times:

Monday   7:00pm - 9:30pm

Tuesday   2:00pm - 5:00pm

Thursday 2:00pm - 5:00pm & 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm

**National Brewery Centre.**

The National Brewery Centre,
Horninglow Street,
Burton Upon Trent,
DE14 1NG

Website: [www.nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk](http://www.nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk)

Tel: 01283 532880

email: info@nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk.

Contact: vanessa.winstone@nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk. Museum Archive Officer.

The National Brewery Centre is a “museum, tourist attraction and events venue”. The Centre opened as the [Bass](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bass_Brewery) Museum in 1977 and became the [Coors](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coors_Brewing_Company) Visitor Centre in 2002. The Centre closed in 2008 on economic grounds but reopened in 2010 following refurbishment and restructuring, with Planning Solutions Consulting Ltd administering and staffing the site. It continues to limp along. The Centre contains the extensive archives of Bass (for many years Britain’s premier brewer) and of many of the companies Bass took over or became associated with. It also contains the archives of many other now defunct Burton breweries. The Centre is now attempting to widen its scope by acquiring material on other UK breweries. It also contains paintings, photographs, ceramics, glass, bottles, cans, beer mats, motor vehicles, shire horses, and Inn-signs. There is large collection of pub photographs. The book, journal and company magazine collection, which contains some scarce items, is housed in the archive rooms. There is no online catalogue of the collection and the in-house catalogue is patchy. The archives are looked after on a part-time basis by one person with help from volunteers.

**National Brewing Library (NBL)**

Oxford Brookes University Library
Headington Road
Oxford

OX3 0BP

Website: [www.brookes.ac.uk/library/special-collections/food-and-drink/the-national-brewing-library/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/special-collections/food-and-drink/the-national-brewing-library/)
email: rcurry@brookes.ac.uk
Tel: (01865) 484130

Contact: Robert Curry

The most comprehensive English language collection of printed material on alcoholic drinks in the world is held in the National Brewing Library. In the early 21st century several institutional and company libraries associated with the British brewing industry closed and the NBL was established at Oxford Brookes University to house the books and journals which no longer had a home. The library continues to be refreshed by the purchase of newly published material on all aspects of the drinks trade. The NBL is held within the Special Collections Reading Room of the University Library. The Michael Jackson Collection of material associated with beer and spirits is also held there, together with the John Fuller Collection of catering, cookery and gastronomy literature, the Jane Grigson Collection, and other food and gastronomy collections. Access to the Special Collections Reading Room is open to *bona fide* researchers on completion a Reading Room Registration Form and provision of suitable ID. Semester hours: Monday to Friday 13.00 - 17.00 (walk-in access). Monday to Friday 09.00 - 13.00 (prior appointment). Vacation hours: Monday to Friday 09.00 - 17.00 (prior appointment).

[libraryenquiries@brookes.ac.uk](https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=libraryenquiries@brookes.ac.uk&)

**Nottingham University. International Centre for Brewing Science. (ICBS)**

International Centre for Brewing Science

School of Biosciences
The University of Nottingham
Sutton Bonington Campus
Loughborough, LE12 5RD, UK

Website: http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/library/

**Tel**: 0115 95 16610
**email**: brewing.science@nottingham.ac.uk
**contact**: Brewing Science Administrator.

James Cameron-Gifford Library

Tel: 0115 951 6393

email: enquiries-jcg@nottingham.ac.uk

Manuscripts and Special Collections

Tel: 0115 951 4565
email: mss-library@nottingham.ac.uk

The ICBS is a teaching and research facility within the School of Biosciences at Nottingham University’s Sutton Bonington campus situated ten miles south of the city centre. It offers full-time (one year) and part-time (2-4 year) taught MSc courses in Brewing Science, a one year ‘MRes Brewing Science’ degree. Short courses for brewers are also held. The ICBS was sat up in c.2005 and has no library of its own. The university has eight separate libraries. A limited assortment of modern (c. post 1950) technical books and journals on brewing are held in the James Cameron-Gifford Library on the Sutton Bonington campus which serves the [School of Veterinary Medicine and Science](https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/vet/index.aspx), and the [School of Biosciences](https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/biosciences/index.aspx). Older books and runs of journals are in ‘Manuscripts and Special Collections’ on the King’s Meadow Campus on Lenton Lane, about one mile from the main university buildings. Other material is held in various ‘Central’ and ‘Remote’ Stores’. Manuscripts and Special Collections have access to the public.

**Reading University: Special Collections & Museum of English Rural Life**

The Museum of English Rural Life

University of Reading

Redlands Road

Reading

RG1 5EX

Website: http://www.reading.ac.uk/themerl/research/collectionoverview/themerl-library.aspx

Tel: 0118 378 8660

email: merl@reading.ac.uk

The museum was established in the Department of Agriculture of Reading University in 1951 and moved to its current premises in 2005. In 2016, it completed a £1.8million redevelopment of the galleries. The library at the museum is strong on the history of British agriculture, the countryside and rural society, with extensive runs of journals and a wide assortment of books including much on malting and milling. It also holds the library of the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The Reading Room is open Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm.

**Scottish Business Archive**

Archive Services

University of Glasgow

13 Thurso Street
Glasgow
Scotland
G11 6PE

Website: [www.gla.ac.uk/services/archives/collections/business](http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/archives/collections/business)

Tel: 0141 330 5515

email: enquiries@archives.gla.ac.uk

The Business Archive contains the Scottish Brewing Archive (SBA), which has its origins in Herriot-Watt University in Edinburgh in 1982 but later controversially moved to Glasgow. The Scottish Brewing Archive no longer exists as a separate entity, but the material continues to be expertly maintained. There is a rich and diverse collection of Scottish brewing and malting company records, and a decent collection of books on alcoholic drink. Open to all by appointment.

The Scottish Brewing Archive Association (SBAA) is a separate body of enthusiasts (mainly retired brewers) set up to watch over the archive when the major Scottish brewers changed hands and lost interest.

**University College Cork**

**Cereal and Beverage Science Research Group**

School of Food & Nutritional Sciences

University College Cork

College Road

Cork

Ireland

Website: [www.ucc.ie/en/foodfac/](http://www.ucc.ie/en/foodfac/). [www.ucc.ie/en/cerealscience](http://www.ucc.ie/en/cerealscience)

Tel: +353 (21) 490 2064
email: e.arendt@ucc.ie

Website: library@ucc.ie

Tel:+353 (21) 490-2292

The School of Food and Nutritional Sciences at the university offers MSc and PhD degrees with emphasis on various aspects of brewing, malting, beverage and cereal science. Brewing workshops are offered occasionally. Professor Elke Arendt heads research work on malting and brewing science which in the last 25 years has resulted in over 300 peer-reviewed papers. Over 50 post-graduate students have completed their studies under her supervision. The UCC library contains a good collection of modern technical books on brewing and malting and provides online access to a many antiquarian publications. Members of the public ‘with genuine scholarly needs’ can apply to use UCC Library as an External Reader on payment of a fee.

**University of Central Lancashire (Preston).**

University of Central Lancashire

Preston
Lancashire
PR1 2HE

Website: <https://www.uclan.ac.uk>

Tel: 01772 201201

email: Amcallister1@uclan.ac.uk. Contact: Dr Annemarie McAllister.

In 1987 the university acquired the temperance library of the British National Temperance League (Sheffield).  The collection is known as the Livesey Collection after the pioneer Preston teetotaller Joseph Livesey. It is made up of a significant number of journals, monographs, bound collections of pamphlets and other non-textual items. These include lantern slides, posters, banners, textiles, crockery and ephemera. Access to the collection is by appointment only.

**William Salt Library**

William Salt Library
Eastgate Street
Stafford

ST16 2LZ

Website: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/archives/williamsalt/home.aspx>

Tel: 01785-278372
email: william.salt.library@staffordshire.gov.uk

The core of the Library is the huge collection of printed books, pamphlets, manuscripts and periodicals from the 16th to 19th centuries built up by [William Salt](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/archives/williamsalt/WilliamSalt/) (1808-1863), a London banker, during his lifetime. The Library continues to collect and preserve printed books, printed ephemera, pamphlets and illustrative material relating to Staffordshire. It has scooped up occasional gems about the breweries of Staffordshire not found elsewhere. The library is open Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 1pm; 2pm - 4pm with no appointment necessary.

**Canada**

**Canadian Fo0d & Wine Institute**

Niagara College

135 Taylor Road

Niagara-on-the-Lake

Ontario,
Canada

Tel: 905-641-2252

Website: http://www.canadianfoodandwineinstitute.ca

The Institute is spread over 40 acres with vineyards, a hop yard, culinary gardens, a greenhouse, together with a [winery](http://www.niagaracollegewine.ca/),  [brewery](http://www.niagaracollegebeer.ca/), and [teaching restaurant, called Benchmark](http://ncbenchmark.ca/), “to provide students valuable hands-on, farm-to-table experiences”. It runs courses in brewing, distilling and wine making. The college library has an extensive collection of 20th/21st century beverage related literature

**Old’s College**

Old’s College

4500 50th Street
Olds
Alberta

Canada

T4H 1R6

Website: [www.oldscollege.ca](http://www.oldscollege.ca/)

Tel: +1 403 556 8380
email: pjohnstonberresford@oldscollege.ca

Founded in 1913 as the Old’s School of Agriculture and Home Economics the college offers a two-year Brewmaster, a Brewery Operations and Management diploma, and a Distilling Certificate. It houses a ‘Teaching Brewery’ established in 2013. The college library is a member of a consortium of Alberta libraries which have agreed to share their materials. Unfortunately, it does not seem possible to access the library catalogue without being a member of one of the constituent libraries.

**Czech Republic**

**Research Institute of Brewing and Malting.**

Website: [www.beerresearch.cz/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=288&Itemid=212&lang=en](http://www.beerresearch.cz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=288&Itemid=212&lang=en)

Two libraries exist under the auspicious of the above organisation:

1.Prague library

Lipova 15

12044 Prague 2

Czech Republic

Email: library.vups@beerresearch.cz.

This technical library specializes in food (particularly brewing and malting) science and industry. The library was established together with the Research Institute for Brewing Industry in 1887 and contains some unique historical items dating back to the 19th century relating to Czech brewing. The library has not been open to the public since 2012.

2. Brno library

Mostecká 7

CZ-628 00 Brno

Czech Republic

tel.: +420 545 214 110

Email: **sachambula@beerresearch.cz**

**This is a technical library specialising in malt and barley.** The collection contains mainly “professional monographs, periodicals, methods and research reports”. The library is open to the public on Friday’s 09.00 – 15.00 by prior appointment.

**Denmark**

**Carlsberg Research Laboratory**

Carlsberg Breweries A/S
100 Ny Carlsberg Vej,

1799 Copenhagen V
Denmark

Tel: (+45) 3327 3300
email: contact@carlsberg.com

The Carlsberg Laboratory in Copenhagen houses a splendid technical library holding a large collection of both antiquarian and modern books, and long runs of journals. Most memorably it also includes Emil Christian Hansen’s personal library with marginal annotations by the great man. Or at least it did some 20 odd years ago when I last visited. Sadly, access is denied to the public. Even its existence is not admitted, there is no public catalogue or even a website mention!

**Scandinavian School of Brewing**

Gamle Carlsberg Vej 16
1799 Copenhagen

Denmark

Website: www.brewingschool.dk

Email: ssb@brewingschool.dk

The school, founded in 1925, is jointly run by the Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish Brewers’ Association. It offers qualifications in brewing at various levels, including an M.Sc in co-operation with Copenhagen University. I have been told that there is a library, but I have not visited the place and there is no mention of one on the website.

**France**

**Institute Francais de Boisson de la Brasserie et del a Malterie (IFBM)**

7, rue du bois de la Champelle
BP 267
54512 Vandoeuvre Cedex

France

Website: http://[www.ifbm.fr](http://www.ifbm.fr/ifbm.php?a=Document&id=80)

Tel: +33 (0) 383 448 819

Email: francoise.lacour@qualtech-groupe.com

Qualtech website: http://www.qualtech-groupe.com/en/

The French Institute of Brewing and Malting was founded in 1893 as the Nancy Brewing School and took its current name in 1962. It runs courses and carries out research. In 1995 IFBM created Qualtech, a company providing analytical services to the food and feed industries which now has laboratories operating at seven sites in France. The extent of the library serving these facilities is not known.

**Germany**

**Berlin Institute of Technology (TU-B)**

Technische Universitat Berlin
Institute of Biotechnology
Chair of Brewing Science
Seestrasse 13,

13353 Berlin

Germany

Website: [www.brauwesen.tu-berlin.de](http://www.brauwesen.tu-berlin.de/)
Tel: 49 30 314 27563

Email: brauwesen@tu-berlin.de

The Institute is part of the Institute of Food Technology and Food Chemistry at the university and offers degrees in brewing and Diploma Brewmaster qualifications. I understand that it has a library but no details have been found.

**Technical University of Munich**

[Technische Universität München](http://www.tum.de/)
Arcisstr. 21
D-80333

München

Germany

Website: https://www.ub.tum.de/en
Tel. +49 89 289 01

Email: info@tum.de.

allgemein@brauerei-weihenstephan.de

One of the three campuses of the Technical University of Munich house a famous brewing school which first opened its doors in 1865. It is located about 20 miles north of Munich in Weihenstephan, Freising. It is known worldwide simply as Weihenstephan but its official title is: The Faculty of Brewing and Food Technology at the Technical University of Munich. The library at Weinstephan is held in a modern building. It contains an extensive collection of both antiquarian and modern material.

**VLB Berlin**

Versuch- und Lehranstalt für Brauerei

Seestrasse 13,

13353 Berlin

Website: www.vlb-berlin.org/en/lorberg-library

Tel: 49 30 450 80-235

Email: lorberg@vlb-berlin.org

Contact: Michaela Knör

The Research and Teaching Institute for Brewing in Berlin was founded in 1883 and moved in 1898 to its current location. It houses the Lorberg Specialized Library for Fermentation, Brewing and Biotechnology and the Schultz-Berndt-Library of the [Gesellschaft für Geschichte des Brauwesens](http://www.ggb-berlin.de/) (The Society for History of the Brewing Sector) founded in 1913. Both libraries are in the same room. The content is intriguing and voluminous, with runs of journals, both antiquarian and modern books and ephemera. Much of the content is in German, but there is a spattering of English books and journals. Unfortunately, when visited four years ago the charming room in which the collections are housed was in a poor state of repair with no air-conditioning and a leaking roof. Both are public reference libraries open to all. There is no external lending. The libraries nominally open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2pm till 6pm and on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9pm till 1pm. An appointment is advisable. The librarian was both helpful and knowledgeable. <http://lorberglibrary.blogspot.co.uk/p/brewdatabases.html>.

**Doemens Academy**

Doemens e.V.,

Stefanusstr.

8 D­82166

Graefelfing

Munich

Germany

Website: www.doemens.org

Tel. +49(0)89/85805­0

E­Mail: info@doemens.org

Doemens specialises in education and consulting for the brewing, beverage, and food industries. Founded as a private brewing school by Dr Albert Doemens in 1895 and reconstituted in 1965, it is located near Munich. In 2000 Doemens Academy and the Siebel Institute of Technology, Chicago, U.S.A., founded the World Brewing Academy (WBA). The school has a library, but its extent is not known. It is unlikely to be open to the public.

**Hungary**

**Corvinus University**

Corvinus University of Budapest
Faculty of Food Science
Department of Brewing & Distilling
Ménesi út 45
1118 Budapest

Website: [www.uni-corvinus.hu](http://www.uni-corvinus.hu/)
Tel: +36 1 482 6214
Email: sor@uni-corvinus.hu

**The Corvinus University of Budapest** was established in 1920 to provide courses in economics and agriculture. The university offers a BSc in Food Engineering, specilising in brewing and distilling technologies. Brewmaster and ‘Advisor in Brewing Technology’ courses are also available. The university has extensive library facilities with particular strengths in economics and business administration. Its online catalogue also brings up many hits for brewing. The library is also a public library with 18,000 registered users.

**Italy**

**University of Udine**

Department of Food, Environmental and Animal Sciences
Via Sondrio 2/A
33100 Udine

Website: [www.uniud.it](http://www.uniud.it/)
Tel: +39 432 558156
Email: stefano.buiatti@uniud.it

The university was founded in 1978. It is known for research on languages and linguistics and the contents of its library reflects this interest. It also has a small research group working on oenology and viticulture and there have been intermittent short courses on brewing science and technology. The library website is not easy to follow and the extent of its holdings on alcoholic beverages is not clear.

**University of Perugia**

Italian Brewing Research Centre
Centro di Eccellenza per la Ricerca sulla Birra - CERB
Via San Costanzo, n.c.n.
06126 Perugia

Website: [www.cerb.unipg.it](http://www.cerb.unipg.it/)
Tel: +39 075 5857946
Email: giuseppe.perretti@unipg.it

The university was founded in 1308 and the Research Centre was established in 2003 – although research in brewing had been going on there since at least the 1980s. The university offers a Master’s Degree in brewing together with several short courses. There is presumably a library at the Research Centre, but it is not mentioned on the website – nor can I find any information on the university library on the website.

**Japan**

The National Research Institute of Brewing (NRIB)

3-7-1, Kagamiyama,

Higashihiroshima,

Hiroshima

Website: [www.nrib.go.jp/English/index.htm](http://www.nrib.go.jp/English/index.htm)

Tel: 082-420-0800

Email: info@nrib

The NRIB was established in 1904 in Tokyo. It conducts “advanced analysis and evaluation of alcoholic beverages, as well as fundamental and applied research on brewing”. It has a library with a free to search database (in Japanese). After registering, anybody can use the NRIB library.

**South Africa**

International Centre for Brewing and Brewing Engineering

University of Johannesburg

P O Box 17011
Doornfontein
2028 Johannesburg

Website: [www.uj.ac.za](http://www.uj.ac.za/)

Tel: +27 11 559 6094
Email: rstafford@uj.ac.za

The university was established in 2005. The Centre for Brewing and Brewing Engineering offers undergraduate and graduate courses in brewing science and technology together with short courses in brewery and beverage engineering and technology. There are branches of the university library on each of the five campuses, however entering ‘brewing’ as a keyword in the library catalogue yields only 138 books in total, many of them ebooks and all of them modern. There is no mention of the Centre having a library.

**Spain**

Escuela Superior de Cerveza y Maltac/Punto Net, 2C
28805 Alcala de Henares

Madrid

Website: [www.escym.com](http://www.escym.com/)
Tel: +34 91 527 7255

Email: secretaria@fundacionescema.es

Founded in 1966 the school offers a master’s degree in brewing science and technology and has a reference library.

**USA**

There are around 40 institutions in the USA which offer courses for brewers - see <https://www.brewersassociation.org/resources/schools-organizations>. Many of these are recently formed in response to the craft beer boom and are unlikely to contain much by way of library facilities. Only those with known significant collections are listed here.

**Cornell University**

Department of Food Science

Stocking Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York
USA 14853-7201

Website: [http://foodscience.cornell.edu](http://foodscience.cornell.edu/) (department)
Tel: 607-255-7900
Fax: 607-254-4868
Email: clw3@cornell.edu

Food Science Laboratory

Department of Food Science

College of Agriculture and Food Science

630 W. North Street

Geneva
NY 14456

Website: <http://blogs.cornell.edu/brewing> (brewing program)

Tel: +1 315 787 2255 / 607 255 7900

Email: kjs3@cornell.edu

Cornell University Library

Cornell University,

Ithaca, NY 14853.

Tel: (607)255-3393

https://www.library.cornell.edu/libraries

This ivy league university was founded in 1865 and the Department of Food Science was established in 1943. The latter offers MSc and PhD degrees, including subjects ‘with emphasis in various aspects of brewing science’. Brewing workshops are offered periodically. The Department occupies facilities on two campuses: Cornell’s main campus in Ithaca, New York and the campus of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, New York. The university library holds a rich collection of books, manuscripts and theses on aspects of alcoholic drinks. The books on brewing are spread over 14 different libraries within the university. The Department of Food Science has its own library.

**Oregon State University**

Special Collections & Archives Research Centre

The Valley Library 5th Floor

Oregon State University,

Corvallis,

OR 97331-4501

USA

Website: http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/ohba.html

Tel: (541) 737 2075

email: scarc@oregonstate.edu

The Special Collections & Archives Research Centre covers two floors of the library, housing more than ‘[1,000 archival collections](http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/coll/index.html) and tens of thousands of rare books and fine bindings’. Amongst the collection is the Oregon Hops and Brewing Archives established in 2013, which focuses on regional hop and barley farming, craft and home brewing, cider and mead. There is an extensive collection of periodicals and research reports on plant disease, breeding, and processing. The archives also include oral histories of growers, brewers and scientists; homebrew club newsletters; industry periodicals; photographs; memorabilia; and advertising materials and art from breweries throughout Oregon. The library and archive is open to the public 9am – 5pm weekdays.

**Siebel Institute of Technology**

900N North Branch Street,

Suite 1N

Chicago

Illinois 60642

USA

Website: [SiebelInstitute.com](http://www.siebelinstitute.com/)

Email: info@siebelinstitute.com

Phone +1 (312) 255 1312

Founded in Chicago by John Ewald Siebel as the Zymotechnic Institute in 1868 it changed its name to the above in 1872 and started a school for brewers in 1882. It moved to new purpose-built facilities in 1952. After a period of financial difficulty, it moved again to the campus of Kendall College in Chicago in 2013.

When visited over 25 years ago the Institute had a fine collection of brewing books and journals – much of it in German. It is not clear whether this has survived its upheavals.

**Smithsonian Libraries.**
Smithsonian Libraries

Natural History Building

10th St. and Constitution Ave. NW

Washington DC, 20560

Website: http://library.si.edu/

Tel: (202) 633-2240

Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology
P.O. Box 37012
NMAH 1041, MRC 672
Washington, DC 20013-7012

**Tel:** (202) 633-3872

email:dibnerlibrary@si.edu

The network of 21 specialized research libraries make the Smithsonian one of the great libraries of the world and perhaps the biggest. Books on alcoholic drinks are spread out over various libraries of this prestigious institution. Particularly interesting with regard to historical technical books on alcoholic drinks is the Dibner Library of the History of science and Technology which holds a total of some 35,000 books and approximately 2,000 manuscripts on all subjects. There are as many brewing books in German as there are in English. The National Museum of American History also contains many alcohol related items. There is also a collection of trade catalogues with some brewing material. The Smithsonian Libraries' collections are searchable via online catalogue, [SIRIS](http://siris-libraries.si.edu/). The libraries are generally open Mon-Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm but are closed on U.S. Federal Holidays. An appointment is necessary to visit the Dibner Library. The staff are very helpful.

**University of California – Davis**

UC Davis Library
100 NW Quad
University of California, Davis
Davis, CA 95616

Website: <https://www.library.ucdavis.edu/>

Tel: (530) 752-8792

email: library@ucdavis.edu

The University has two departments concerned with alcoholic beverages 1. The Department of Viticulture and Enology Teaching and Research Winery, and 2. The August A. Busch III Brewing and Food Science Laboratory. There are around 1500 brewing related titles on the University’s database, including both books and runs of journals, with further online full text copies freely available. The older books are to be found in the Shields Library Special Collections, and the A. W. Noling Hurtly-Peck Collection of Beverage Literature**.** Generally, the more modern material is in theShields Library Bio/Ag Viticulture and Enology. The library special collections are open 10am – 5pm Monday to Friday and they are available to the public.

R. G. Anderson, 26th September 2017.