Published Reference Materials

LibGuides

These online guides provide a quick overview of the process for searching the Archives database.

Using the Archives: https://guides.library.illinois.edu/c.php?g=347709
Topic Guides: https://archives.library.illinois.edu/collections/topic-guides/

Daily Illini Newspaper (41/8/801)

These newspapers are fully digitized through 1975 and are a wealth of information about local and campus goings-on. Fully text searchable, and the database allows you to search through all scanned volumes at once, making this a great starting point for any research topic.

https://idnc.library.illinois.edu/?a=cl&cl=CL1&sp=DIL&e=-------en-20--1--img-txIN---------

Board of Trustees Reports (1/1/802)

These reports are the key to jumping into almost any University-related topic in the Archives. The BOT votes and reports on just about everything that goes on at the University. We have print volumes of these in the reading room which are all indexed. There are several digital access points for these.

UI Histories: https://uihistories.library.illinois.edu/cgi-bin/rview_search?REPOSID=8
Search all digitized BOT reports at once. The caveat is that sometimes the AI doesn't properly recognize the text, so if you're not getting results in a spot you think you should be, try checking one of these other access points for a range of relevant years.

PDFs: https://digital.library.illinois.edu/collections/8a02d470-9299-0131-1105-0050569601ca-8/tree
You can search by volume/year or by meeting, if you know the exact date. These PDFs are searchable and also indexed at the end. I suggest downloading the relevant volumes for the fastest search results.

BOT Website: https://www.bot.uillinois.edu/meetings/minutes/minutes_archive/

Illio Yearbooks (41/8/805)

These yearbooks have been fully digitized through 2007. Each volume is text searchable.

https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/mb?a=listsrch;q1=%22the%20illio%22;c=1564765634;pn=1;sort=date_d

Ready Reference File (RF)

These are physical folders used in the Archives reading room. They typically contain copies of printed material, and the topics covered reflect subjects that are frequently inquired about.
The list of subjects included is found here: https://files.archon.library.illinois.edu/uasfa/3503065.html

Alumni/Faculty Biographical File (26/4/1)

These are physical folders used in the Archives reading room. They typically contain newspaper clippings, photos, and other biographical information from the Alumni Association. Not all alumni/faculty are represented, but if you need information on a person, ask the reference team and we're always glad to check whether a folder exists.