HELEN KELLER

Helen Keller primary sources at Perkins:

Newspaper clippings collected throughout Keller’s life.
These are too fragile to photocopy. Researchers may visit, or contact the Research Library if you’re interested in a particular date or event.

Magazine and newspaper articles written by Helen Keller.
Researchers may visit, or contact the Research Library if you’re interested in a particular article.

Nella Braddy Henney Collection, correspondence with Keller and Sullivan from the late 1920s to the early 1960s.
Henney was Sullivan’s biographer and a close friend of Keller and Sullivan for many years. Researchers may visit, or contact the Research Library if you’re interested in a particular date or event.

Helen Keller primary sources available on the internet:

Annual Reports of Perkins Institution, 1885 – 1889
These five reports are not copyrighted, and are available online. (They are scanned as a single large document, and appear one after the other).
http://books.google.com/books?id=h_wAAAAAYAAJ&pg=RA1-PA71&dq=%22second+laura+bridgman%22#PPP20,M1
The 1887 annual report has a section entitled “Helen Keller,—A Second Laura Bridgman,” pp. 71-107.
In the 1888 report, there is a long section simply entitled “Helen Keller,” pp. 67-176.

The Story of My Life, by Helen Keller. 1902.
This text is not copyrighted and is available online:
The book is divided into three parts:
1. Keller’s account of her early life and education, including her learning of language.
2. 100 pages of letters written by Keller in the first 20 years of her life, including her very earliest ones.
3. An account of Helen Keller’s personality, education, speech, and literary style, by John Albert Macy, Keller’s close friend and husband of Anne Sullivan Macy.

_The World I Live In_, by Helen Keller. 1910.
This text is not copyrighted and is available online: [http://www.archive.org/details/worldilivein00kelluoft](http://www.archive.org/details/worldilivein00kelluoft)
In this sequel to her autobiography, Keller describes how she experiences the world.

_Optimism: An Essay_, by Helen Keller. 1903.
This text is not copyrighted and is available online: [http://www.archive.org/details/optimismessay00kelliala](http://www.archive.org/details/optimismessay00kelliala)
Keller describes her outlook on life.

_Song of the Stone Wall_, by Helen Keller. 1910.
This text is not copyrighted and is available online: [http://www.archive.org/details/songofstonewall00kellrich](http://www.archive.org/details/songofstonewall00kellrich)
A poem praising the builders of New England, their history, and ideals.

Although the text in this online Keller museum is a secondary source, there are many downloadable images and photographs that are primary sources. [http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=1](http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=1)

**Helen Keller primary material in published books (check your library):**

Contains the text of many speeches delivered by Helen Keller throughout her life.

Keller’s articles, letters, and speeches, articulating her socialist political beliefs.

Excerpts from Keller’s personal and published writings throughout her life.

**Helen Keller secondary sources--Books (check your library):**

A well researched and thoughtful biography.

A meticulously detailed biography.

An examination of Keller’s political views and work for social justice.
ANNE SULLIVAN MACY

Anne Sullivan Macy primary sources at Perkins:

*Nella Braddy Henney Collection, correspondence with Keller and Sullivan, late 1920s - early 1960s.*

Henney was Sullivan’s biographer and a close friend of Keller and Sullivan for many years. Researchers may visit, or contact the Research Library if you’re interested in a particular date or event.

Anne Sullivan Macy primary sources available on the internet:

*The Story of My Life* is Helen Keller’s autobiography, written when she was about 22 years old. In the appendix is a collection of letters that Annie Sullivan wrote to her friend Sophia Hopkins, describing her experiences and thoughts when she first began teaching Helen. The originals were destroyed in the 1920s, so these reprints are the only copies there are. This text is not copyrighted and is available online. The letters are in Part 5:


The text of Anne’s valedictory address at her Perkins graduation in 1886:


Anne Sullivan Macy: The Miracle Worker, by American Foundation for the Blind, 2008. Although the text in this online museum is a secondary source, there are many downloadable images and photographs that are primary sources.

http://www.afb.org/annesullivan/

Anne Sullivan Macy secondary sources--Books (check your library):

*Anne Sullivan Macy: The Story Behind Helen Keller*, by Nella Braddy. Doubleday, 1933

The author was a close friend, and spent hundreds of hours learning Anne’s life story.


“A tribute by the foster child of her mind.”

Includes a great deal of biographical information about Anne Sullivan Macy.

A dual biography of Keller and Sullivan.
LOUIS BRAILLE

Unfortunately, Perkins School for the Blind has no primary sources about Louis Braille.

Louis Braille primary source on the internet:

The Louis Braille Museum, by American Foundation for the Blind, 2009. Although the text of this site about Braille is a secondary source, there are many downloadable images and photographs that are primary sources.

http://www.afb.org/LouisBrailleMuseum/braillegallery.asp?GalleryID=44

Louis Braille secondary sources:

An exhaustively researched biography of Braille.