The Nebraska Public Library Commission was established by an act of the Legislature in 1901 and opened on November 11th of that year. The first members included the State Librarian, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor and Librarian of the University and one person appointed by the Governor.

The 1933 Legislature amended this law and designated the librarian of the University as Public Library Commissioner and changed the name to the Nebraska Public Library. In 1935, the Library Commission was established. Today, the commission has six members appointed by the Governor to three-year terms. The Commissioners appoint the director. Members are appointed from the six library system areas and meet every other month.

The Commission promotes, develops and coordinates library and information programs and services statewide, and provides information and library services to state government. An interlibrary loan program services the state libraries staffs and state government agencies. The Information and Resources Sharing Services encourage access to collections of information resources, including print, video and microform resources, as well as online, CD-ROM, and other electronic databases.

The Publications Clearinghouse provides government information services. State government publications are collected, indexed, microfiched and lent directly to state agencies and other libraries. Copies of the microfiched publications are available in the Historical Society reference room. The security copies are stored in the Archives of this agency.
The Library Commission also administers the Talking Book and Braille Service to Nebraskans who experience visual or other physical conditions limiting their use of regular print material. Federal funds available under the four titles of the Library Services and Construction Act are administered by the Commission.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of 36 boxes of records of the Nebraska Public Library Commission arranged in six series: 1) State Librarian, 1878-1912; 2) Minutes, 1901-current; 3) Annual Reports, 1902-current; 4) Correspondence and Special Subjects, 1902-1958; 5) W.P.A., 1933-1942; and 6) Security and Microfiche Collection, 1854-current.

Series One, State Librarian, contains one volume of outgoing correspondence, 1878-1884, and microfiche of the annual reports of the State Librarian, 1907-1912. The original annual reports may be shelved in our library.

The second series consists of one reel of 35mm microfilm of minutes of the Library Commission, 1901-1959, and 1 box of minutes, 1988-2000. Also included are microfiche copies of minutes of the Library Commission available in the reference room for the years 1901-1973 & exhibits, 1902-1952.

Series Three, Annual Reports, is available on microfiche in the Reference Room or by requesting the original printed reports from the Historical Society reference staff. Reports are included for 1902-1979, and after, annual reports for the Library Services and Construction Act, 1980-current.

Series Four, Correspondence, includes 28 boxes of miscellaneous correspondence and library commission material, 1902-1958.

Series Five, W.P.A., consists of correspondence and records of the Works Progress Administration in Library service, 1933-1942. Included are newsletters, supervisors’ correspondence and reports, agreements & correspondence, correspondence by counties, 1939-1942, and newspaper clippings, 1938-1946.
Series Six, Security and Microfiche collection, consists of the collection of security masters for state publications, 1854-current, stored in the Archives. Access to a listing of these microfiche publications can be had by contacting the Public Records Curator or Assistant. The Library Commission in the 1990s produced microfiche copies of many state agency annual reports from the beginnings of the agencies to current. Copies of these microfiche are shelved in the Reference Room of the Historical Society. Code numbers are used for each agency and a cross reference is available. Also included in the microfiche collection are reports of state agencies, 1971-current, an ongoing project. Certain publications of the Library Commission are noted in this series.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE  STATE LIBRARIAN, 1878-1912

Vol. 1  Letterpress Book, 1878-1884
State Librarian
Microfiche  Annual Reports, 1907-1912
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NOTE: Annual Reports may also be available in our reference library.

film
SERIES TWO  MINUTES, 1901-CURRENT

Roll #1  Library Commission Minutes, June 27, 1901
SF75-4-1 thru
35mm neg.  Library Commission Minutes, 1973 & exhibits, 1902-1952

B.1  Library Commission Minutes, 1988-2000

film
SERIES THREE  ANNUAL REPORTS, 1902-current

Microfiche  Library Commission Annual Reports, 1902-1977
L4000A001 thru
Library Services and Construction Act
L4000B017 Annual Reports, 1997
SERIES THREE  ANNUAL REPORTS (cont)

Microfiche Library Services and Technology Act
L4000A003  Annual Report, 1998-current

NOTE: These publications may also be available from our reference library.

SERIES FOUR  CORRESPONDENCE AND SPECIAL SUBJECTS, 1902-1958

B.1 Correspondence by town (alphabetical), 1902-1907
   including Travel Library correspondence
   Adams, NE to Byron, NE
B.2 Caldwell, NE to Douglas, NE
B.3 Edgar, NE to Guide Rock, NE
B.4 Haigler, NE to Johnson, NE
B.5 Kearney, NE to Lyons, NE
B.6 McCook, NE to North Platte, NE
B.7 Oak, NE to Quick, NE
B.8 Ragan, NE to Syracuse, NE
B.9 Table Rock, NE - Yutan, NE
B.10 General Correspondence, A-Z, 1901-1907
    McClurg & Co. book orders, 1902-1907
B.11 Book lists for schools, 1902-1903
   Legislation to establish Library Commission
   Travel Libraries
   Board member correspondence, 1901-1907
   Out-of-State Libraries, 1901-1907
   Community Statistical Reports
      Beatrice - Crete, 1906 & 1908
      Dakota City - Long Pine, 1906-1908
      Lincoln, 1906-1910
      Minden - York College, 1906-1910
B.12 Correspondence A-Z, 1911-1915
B.13 Correspondence A-W, 1916-1918
B.14 War Work correspondence, 1917-1918
B.15 State Institutions, 1919-1920
   Books in State Institutions, 1918-1921
      Beatrice, Omaha School for the Deaf
      Libraries in State Institutions, n.d.,
      unsigned, 1909-1936
B.16 Travel Librarian correspondence, 1919-192_
   Adams, NE thru Yutan, NE
   (see also boxes 1-9)
B.17 Community Libraries correspondence A-Z, 1921-1922
   Ainsworth thru York
B.18  Annual Report, 1921-1923
      General correspondence A-H, 1923
      Institutional Libraries, 1923
      General & Community correspondence K-W, 1923
      Misc. brochures and book lists, 1922-1923
      Personal - Nellie Williams, 1922-1928
B.19  Community Library corres. Albion-Wynot, 1924
B.20  Community Library corres. Adams-Waco, 1925
B.21  Community Library corres. Ainsworth - York, 1926-1927
B.22  Community Library corres. Alliance-Weeping Water, 1928
      Institutions corres., 1928-1931
B.23  Book & Equipment Orders, 1931-1933
      A
      Allen (Edwin) Co.
      American Library Association
      B-C; D-E; F-G; H
      Hertzberg Bindery
      Huntting Co.
      Institutions - Book orders, Beatrice-York
      J-L
      Lincoln Book Co.
      M-W
      Womath, Arthur R. Inc.
B.24  Subscriptions, 1931-1933
      Subscriptions-State Institutions, 1924-1933
      Book & Equipment Orders & Fiscal records, 1933-1935
      A-C
      American Library Association
      D-I
      Gaylord Brothers
      Hertzberg Bindery
      H. R. Huntting Co.
      J-M
      Lincoln Book Store
      N-P
      Payroll & Travel
      Postage & Supplies
      R-T
B.25  Subscriptions, 1933-1935
      U-W
      University of Nebraska
      H. W. Wilson Co.
      Minutes, 1934-1935
SERIES FOUR  CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

B.25  American Library Association, 1939-1944
      Adult Education, 1939-1940
      Committee on Board & Commissions, 1941
      County & regional libraries, 1931-1949
      Federal Aid to Libraries, 1938
      Committee on National Defense, 1940-1941
      Victory Campaign, 1941-1942

B.26  National Library Plans, 1934-1944
      w/ out-of-state plans, Florida-Wisconsin

B.27  Committee on Salaries & Tenure, 1941
      State Aid to Libraries, 1936-1946
      Biennial Reports, 1933-1944
      Bookmobiles, 1936-1950
      (see also W.P.A.)
      Certification of Libraries, 1934-1948
      Friends of the Library, 1928-1940
      League of Library Commissioners, 1940
      Libraries in State Institutions, 1909-1936
      Library Service Survey, Nebr., 1933-1938
      Library Community Project, 1957-1958
      Lincoln City Library, 1938

B.28  Merit System Minutes, etc. 1949-1951
      Procedures, Rules, 1950
      Library Commission Payroll reviews & actions
      1949-1951
      Nebr Library Planning Board, 1943-1947
      Northern Great Plains Planning Council, 1944-1949
      Public Service misc., 1946-1952 & n.d.
      Speeches, 1936-1941

B.29  Standards for Public Libraries, 1929-1937
      U.S. Historical Records Survey imprints, 1938

SERIES FIVE  WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION (W.P.A.)

B.29  National Bulletins & correspondence, 1933-1937
      Nebraska projects, 1933-1939
      Professional service projects, 1938-1941
      National Youth Administration labor, 1935-1941
      Bookmobiles, 1934-1940
      State supervisor’s corres. & reports, 1938-1941
      State supervisor’s newsletter, 1939-1941
SERIES FIVE  W.P.A (cont)

B.29  Statewide County Library Project
      District Supervisors, 1936-1941
      Agreement forms (samples)
      Specifications
      County Library plans (non-Nebraska)

B.30  Library Handbook & Supplies, 1939
      Principles relating to project, 1940
      Process Book, 1941
      Community Survey, 1935
      Project 142 - supplies & maintenance, 1937-1940
      Application, statewide project, 1938-1941
      Clippings, 1938-1941
      Adams County
            Agreements & corres., Hastings, 1939-1942
            Agreements & corres., Roseland, 1941-1942
            Reports & corres., 1939-1941
            Summary Report, 1939-1941
            Books loaned to library (lists)
            Library Reports, 1939-1942
            Correspondence, 1939-1941
      Boone County - Albion, St. Edward
      Buffalo County - Kearney
      Burt County correspondence, 1941
      Cass County - Plattsmouth
      Cheyenne County - Sidney
      Custer County - Arnold, Box Butte
      Dodge County - Fremont
      Douglas/Sarpy County, 1939-1941

B.32  Statewide County Library Project cont.
      Douglas County - Elkhorn
      Fillmore County - Exeter & Shickley
      Furnas County - Arapahoe & Holbrook
      Gage County - Adams
      Garden County - Oshkosh
      Greeley County - Spalding
      Hall County correspondence, 1941
      Hitchcock County - Culbertson
      Howard County - St. Paul
      Jefferson County - Dillon
      Knox County - Niobrara
SERIES FIVE  W.P.A cont.

B.32 Statewide County Library Project cont.
   Lancaster County
      Agreements & corres., 1938-1942
      Summary Reports, 1941-1942
      Clippings & misc.
      Lincoln City Library, 1941
   Lincoln County - Manville, No. Platte
   Logan County, 1939
   Madison County - Battle Creek, Madison,
      Newman Grove, and Norfolk
   Otoe County - Nebraska City
   Phelps County - Holdrege Carnegie Library
      Agreements & property, 1940
      Reports & corres., 1940-1943
      Progress & Summary Report, 1940-1943
      Clippings & misc., 1940-1946

B.33 Phelps County corres., 1940-1941
   Pierce County - Pierce, 1939
   Platte County - Monroe
   Polk County - Stromsburg
   Richardson County - Falls City, Stella
   Rock County - Bassett
   Sarpy County - Bellevue
   Scotts Bluff County - Scottsbluff
   Sioux County - Harrison, 1940
   Wayne County - Wayne
   Wheeler County - Bartlett & Ericson
   York County
      WPA Library Cleaning Project, 1935-1941
      WPA Union Catalog Project, 1938-1941
      Expenditures, 1938-1940
      Clippings & miscellaneous, 1940

B.34 Library Community Project, 1957-1958

SERIES SIX  SECURITY COLLECTION AND MICROFICHE

   One copy of each state agency publication is given to the Historical Society for
   their library. If the publication exists on microfiche, one copy is still kept for certain
   agencies in the library collection. Other copies of publications are stored in the
   Archives, either in the individual agency files or for the Library Commission. Microfiche
   copies of State Agency
SERIES SIX  SECURITY COLLECTION & MICROFICHE

publications, 1854-current, can be found in the alcove of the East Reference Room. Publications are arranged by agency call number given by the Library Commission. A cross reference volume is available to find a particular agency. Library Commission publications on microfiche in the Reference Room follow.

MICROFICHE
L3790B001.0016  Education Information Center Network
                  Final Evaluation, 1992
L4000A001  Library Commission Annual Reports, 1902-current
L4000B011  Library Services and Construction Act
                  Long Range Plans, 1982-current
L4000B017  Library Services & Construction Act
                  Annual Reports, 1980-current
L4000B018  Panhandle Library Network
                  Needs Assessment, 1982
L4000B032  State Advisory Council on Libraries
                  Report, 1992
L4000B033  Library and Information Services Conference, 1990
                  Delphi Process Report
L4000B034  Survey of Nebraska State Libraries, 1992
L4000B035  NTIA Program - Needs Assessment, 1995
L4000B038  Education Technology Task Force, 1996
L4000B039  Information Technologies Commission
                  Interview, 1996
L4000B040  Libraries for the Twenty-first Century, 1997
L4000D016  Directories, 1982-current
L4000D017  Film/Video Catalogs, 1987, 1994
L4000H013  Library Laws, 1997
L4000H019  Nebr Library Assoc. Trustees Guidelines for
                  Service, 1991
L4000H023  Continuous Library Improvement Program, 1994
                  Outline & Report
L4000H024  Continuing Education Catalog, 1994
L4000H026  Library Development - Collection Assessment Manual
L4000H029  Statewide Training for Accurate Reference, 1983
L4000Q001  Library Laws, 1964
L4000R001  Small Library Standards, 1971
L4000R004  Copyright Policy, 1995
L4000S002  Statistics, 1988-current
L4000T027  Summer Reading Programs, 1983-current
SERIES SIX  LIBRARY COMMISSION MICROFICHE

Microfiche
L4200D002  Nebr Library Directory, 1973
L4200H001  Guide to Nebr State Agencies, 1992
L4400A001  Education Information Center Project
           Evaluation Report, 1992
L4400B001  FERA Site Visit Report, Feb. 1989
L4400B002  Education Information Center Project
           & B003  Evaluation Reports, 1990

B.1  Shipping Lists to Archives, 1985-1992
B.2  Shipping Lists to Archives, 1993-2000

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