

Public Library Commission, Nebraska

RG016 Nebraska. Public Library Commission

Records: 1878-current

Cubic ft.: 27

No. of Items: 36 (.5 c.f.) boxes and
approximately 10 cubic feet of
security microfiche of state publications

HISTORICAL NOTE

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
S3600A001

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

SERIES FOUR CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

- 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

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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
L4000H004	Nebr Library Assoc. Trustees Handbooks, 1990, 1997
L4000H013	Library Laws, 1997
L4000H014	Intellectual Freedom Commission Handbook, 1996
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 & B003	Education Information Center Project Evaluation Reports, 1990

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

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