



The New York Public Library  
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Guide to the

**Councils' records**

1949-

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**Summary**

**Creator:** New York Public Library. Board of Trustees

**Title:** Councils' records

**Date:** 1949-

**Size:** .2 cubic foot

**Abstract:** The Councils of the New York Public Library are groups of citizens who work closely with the Board of Trustees to promote knowledge of and support for the Library. The first council to be created by the Board, in 1949, was the Women's Council, now called the Council. Membership in it is by invitation of its own executive committee and numbered about 500 in the late 1960s. In 1975 membership was extended to men, occasioning the group's change of name. The Council organizes library tours and lectures for its members and was involved in the restoration of the Central Building. The other councils are: the Advisory Council established by the Board in the 1970s to provide assistance with fund raising, and the Branch Library Council which generates support for the Branch Libraries and their programs. Records consist of memoranda, program announcements, and related materials pertaining to the activities of The Council, the Advisory Council and the Branch Library Council.

**Physical Location:** RG 5

**Conditions Governing Access:**

Board of Trustees records are closed for 50 years from time of creation.

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**Related Materials:**

## **Creator History**

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## **Scope and Content Note**

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**Arrangement:** Three series: The Council, 1949-1978; Advisory Council, 1971-1972; Branch Library Council, 1977

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Branch libraries -- New York (State) -- New York  
Libraries -- New York (State) -- New York  
Libraries -- Public relations  
Library buildings  
Library fund raising  
Public libraries -- New York (State) -- New York  
Research libraries -- New York (State) -- New York

### **Names**

New York Public Library. Board of Trustees  
New York Public Library. Board of Trustees. Advisory Council  
New York Public Library. Board of Trustees. Branch Library Council  
New York Public Library. Board of Trustees. The Council