



The New York Public Library New York Public Library Archives

Guide to the

Donnell Library Center records

1924-1996

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Summary

Creator: New York Public Library. Donnell Library Center.

Title: Donnell Library Center records

Date: 1924-1996

Size: 9 linear feet (18 boxes)

Source: Transferred from Donnell Library Center.

Abstract: The Donnell Library Center of The New York Public Library, located on West 53rd Street in Manhattan, opened in 1955. It was built with funds left to NYPL by Ezekiel J. Donnell, an Irish-born cotton merchant who died in 1896. The Donnell Library Center houses The New York Public Library branch system's largest circulating collection of materials in languages other than English, films and videotapes, and materials for children and teenagers. As a unit of the Central Libraries serving a sizable Midtown area, the Donnell Library Center also has a large general reference collection and a widely used circulating collection of fiction and non-fiction for adults. Donnell presents free cultural events and exhibits throughout the year. Reports, administrative files and publicity material documenting operations of the Donnell Library Center of The New York Public Library.

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Creator History

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Scope and Content Note

Reports, administrative files and publicity material documenting operations of the Donnell Library Center of The New York Public Library.

Arrangement: The collection has been arranged in two series: 1. General Files, 1924-1996; 2. Children's Room, 1970-1990.

Key Terms

Names

New York Public Library. Donnell Library Center.

Container List

Series 1. General Files 1924-1996

- b. 1 f. 1 Annual reports 1984-1985
- b. 1 f. 2 B. Dalton Bookseller 1981
- b. 1 f. 3 Brochures 1950s-1970s, n.d
- b. 1 f. 4 Cavaglieri, Giorgio. Feasibility Study for the Commercial Expansion of the Donnell Building 1981
- b. 1 f. 5 Central Reserve n.d.
- b. 1 f. 6 Donnell, Ezekiel J. - Pamphlet 1960
- b. 1 f. 7 Donnell, Ezekiel J. - copy of will n.d.
- b. 1 f. 8 Donnell, Florence T. 1924
- b. 1 f. 9 Draperies - Printers Marks 1955
- b. 1 f. 10 Hours 1967
- b. 1 f. 11 Information Sheet 1955
- b. 1 f. 12 Inventory of Cataloging Needs 1980
- b. 1 f. 13 Space Committee n.d.
 - b. 2 O'Brien, Kay Lord - "Donnell Library Center in the 1980s" 1979
 - b. 3 Program fliers 1950s-1970s, n.d
 - b. 4 Program fliers 1983-1992
- b. 5 f. 1 Adult Service program fliers 1990-1991
- b. 5 f. 2 Art Education Project announcements 1958-1966
- b. 5 f. 3 Art Library brochure n.d.
- b. 5 f. 4 Education Library brochure n.d.
- b. 5 f. 5 Foreign Language Library - World Language Center n.d.
- b. 5 f. 6 Labor Education Service brochure n.d.
- b. 6 f. 1 Media Center - Film Library - Borrowing Instructions n.d.
- b. 6 f. 2 Media Center - Film Library - Feature Film Supplement 1983
- b. 6 f. 3 Media Center - Film Library - Films 1972
- b. 6 f. 4 Media Center - Film Library - News clipping 1996
- b. 6 f. 5 Media Center - Film Library - Program Fliers 1983-1992
- b. 6 f. 6 Media Center - Film Library - Video 1990
- b. 6 f. 7 Media Center - Record Library brochure n.d.

Series 2. Children's Room 1970-1990

- b. 7 Program fliers, clippings, correspondence and memos 1973-1975
- b. 8 Program fliers, clippings, correspondence and memos 1975-1978
- b. 9 Program fliers, clippings, correspondence and memos 1978-1981
- b. 10 Program fliers, clippings, correspondence and memos 1981-1984
- b. 11 Program fliers, clippings, correspondence and memos 1984-1986
- b. 12 Program fliers, clippings, correspondence and memos 1986-1988
- b. 13 Program fliers, clippings, correspondence and memos 1988-1990

Series 2. Children's Room (cont.)

- b. 14 Exhibits - promotional materials, clippings correspondence, memos 1972-1977
- b. 15 Exhibits - promotional materials, clippings correspondence, memos 1978-1984
- b. 16 Exhibits - promotional materials, clippings correspondence, memos 1985-1988
- b. 17 f. 1 Book Discussion meetings, 1979, 1982
- b. 17 f. 2 Children's Book Council 1970-1971
- b. 17 f. 3 Children's Book List 1984
- b. 17 f. 4 Clerical work schedules, circulation and work statistics 1971-1978
- b. 17 f. 5 Early Childhood Conference 1989
- b. 17 f. 6 Early Childhood Panel Discussion 1989
- b. 17 f. 7 Festival of Black Storytellers 1989
- b. 17 f. 8 Group Work calendars 1974-1990
- b. 17 f. 9 International Year of the Child 1979-1980
- b. 17 f. 10 Lipson, Eden Ross - Parent's Guide to the Best Books for Children 1988
- b. 17 f. 11 Press releases 1974-1978
- b. 18 f. 1 Program reports 1971-1981
- b. 18 f. 2 Publicity 1973
- b. 18 f. 3 Re-opening 1971
- b. 18 f. 4 Requests for class visits 1971-1983
- b. 18 f. 5 St. Nicholas Eve holiday celebrations 1973-1974
- b. 18 f. 6 75th Anniversary of Children's Room 1986
- b. 18 f. 7 Special projects 1972
- b. 18 f. 8 Staff 1970-1975
- b. 18 f. 9 Staff assignments 1972-1982
- b. 18 f. 10 Staff benefits 1978-1980