



# The New York Public Library New York Public Library Archives

Guide to the

## **Jackson Square Branch records**

1948-2000

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** New York Public Library. Jackson Square Branch.

**Title:** Jackson Square Branch records

**Date:** 1948-2000

**Size:** .33 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Transferred from Jackson Square Branch Library.

**Abstract:** The Jackson Square Branch of The New York Public Library originated in 1888 as a branch of The New York Free Circulating Library, which merged with NYPL in 1901. George W. Vanderbilt provided funds to build and furnish the Jackson Square building at 251 West 13th Street in Manhattan. The architect was Richard Morris Hunt, who had also designed the Lenox Library. Throughout its history the branch counted a large number of writers, artists and theater people among its users. During the 1940s the branch built up its Spanish language book collection to meet the needs of a growing Hispanic population. The Jackson Square Branch was closed in 1967, and many of its services were transferred to the nearby Jefferson Market Branch. Administrative records and news clippings documenting operations of the Jackson Square Branch of The New York Public Library.

**Preferred citation:** Jackson Square Branch Records, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

**Language of the Material:** English

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### **Creator History**

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## **Scope and Content Note**

Administrative records and news clippings documenting operations of the Jackson Square Branch of The New York Public Library.

## **Key Terms**

### **Names**

New York Public Library. Jackson Square Branch.

## Container List

### Jackson Square Branch Records 1948-2000

- b. 1 f. 1 Book Request Form 1948
- b. 1 f. 2 Building - New York Times article 2000
- b. 1 f. 3 Capital Project Analysis 1950
- b. 1 f. 4 Closing 1967
- b. 1 f. 5 Relocation Possibilities 1959
- b. 1 f. 6 Sale of Property 1967