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Guide to the

**Lydenberg, Hopper and Beals general correspondence**

1926-1957 [bulk 1934-1954]

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## Summary

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**Abstract:** Correspondence from the offices of three Directors of The New York Public Library: Harry Miller Lydenberg, Franklin Ferguson Hopper and Ralph A. Beals.

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## Creator History

Harry Miller Lydenberg (1874-1960) became the third director of The New York Public Library in 1934, after nearly forty years of employment with The Library. He started at the Lenox Library, then served as administrative assistant to John Shaw Billings from 1899 to 1908, helping to plan the Central Building

for the newly consolidated New York Public Library. He was the Chief Reference Librarian from 1908 to 1927, and in 1928 became Assistant Director under Edwin H. Anderson, assuming the directorship in 1934. Lydenberg was responsible for building the reference collections and began expanding the branch library system. He also was active in various professional organizations, continuing to work with international groups after his retirement from The Library in 1941. Franklin Ferguson Hopper (1878-1950) served as Director of The New York Public Library from 1941 until his retirement in 1946. After joining The Library in 1914 as Chief of the Order Division, he served as Chief of the Circulation Department from 1919 until his appointment as Director. Ralph Albert Beals (1899-1954) began his library career in 1940 at the Washington D.C. Public Library. Two years later he went to the University of Chicago as Director of Libraries and then Dean of the Library School. From 1946 until 1954, Beals was Director of The New York Public Library where he concentrated on increasing funding for staff salaries and acquisition budgets and was noted for improving the administrative structure of The Library.

## **Custodial History**

In 1941 when Franklin F. Hopper became Director of the New York Public Library he added his correspondence to the files of his predecessor, Harry M. Lydenberg. Additions were made both by interfiling into existing folders as well as creating new subject folders and adding them to the files. When Ralph A. Beals assumed the Directorship in 1946 he made additions to these files as well.

## **Scope and Content Note**

These files contain correspondence from the offices of three Directors of The New York Public Library: Harry M. Lydenberg (November 1, 1934 - October 1, 1941), Franklin F. Hopper (October 1, 1941 - September 30, 1946) and Ralph A. Beals (October 1, 1946 - October 14, 1954). From the original arrangement of files, it appears that when Hopper became Director of NYPL in 1941 he inherited the files of his predecessor, H. M. Lydenberg, and added to them over the course of his own tenure as Director. The additions were made both by inter-filing into existing folders, as well as by creating new subject folders and adding these to the files. Similarly, when Ralph A. Beals assumed the Directorship in 1946 he inherited these files and made his own additions until his death on October 14, 1954. The next Director, Edward G. Freehafer, eventually began a new set of files (also held by NYPL Archives), but a few items of his correspondence from 1954-57 are included here. The correspondence relates to all areas of Library administration and business, including acquisitions, acknowledgements, complaints, reports and memoranda from staff and the Special Investigator's Office. There are also letters to and from various federal, state and local governmental agencies, and other public and private libraries. The collection provides thorough documentation of the functioning of The New York Public Reference Department (known today as the Research Libraries) and Circulation Department (now the Branch Libraries). Readers should be aware that in addition to this collection of Director's Office correspondence, there are smaller, separate collections of records from the office of Lydenberg, Hopper and Beals. Additional finding aids for these materials are available.

**Arrangement:** Arranged alphabetically

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Branch libraries -- New York (State) -- New York  
Libraries -- New York (State) -- New York  
Libraries -- Special collections  
Library circulation and loans  
Public libraries -- Administration -- New York (State) -- New York  
Research libraries -- New York (State) -- New York

**Occupations**

Librarians

**Names**

New York Public Library. Central Administration. Director's Office

Beals, Ralph A. (Ralph Albert)

Hopper, F. F. (Franklin Ferguson)

Lydenberg, Harry Miller, 1874-1960

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- b. 16 Municipal Reference Library - Rebecca B. Rankin 1934-1943
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- b. 44 Special Collections - De Vinne Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Drexel Music Library
- b. 44 Special Collections - Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars
- b. 44 Special Collections - European and American Cultures
- b. 44 Special Collections - Falls De Witt Clinton Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Faroese Books
- b. 44 Special Collections - Flexner Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Ford Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - French Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Fulton Papers



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- b. 44 Special Collections - George, Henry, Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Gilder, Richard Watson, Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Goldberg Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Goldman, Emma, Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Golterman Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Gordon, Paul H. Archery Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Goulston, Leopold
- b. 44 Special Collections - Gregg
- b. 44 Special Collections - Griffin
- b. 44 Special Collections - Hadley Memorial Library
- b. 44 Special Collections - Hall Manuscripts
- b. 44 Special Collections - Hall Football Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Harkness Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Hartzell Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Haynes Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Healey Penmanship Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Hooker Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Huneker Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Irving Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Jackson, William H.
- b. 44 Special Collections - Jenks Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Joint Boycott Council
- b. 44 Special Collections - Joseffy Memorial
- b. 44 Special Collections - La Guardia Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Lehman Papers
- b. 44 Special Collections - Liebmann Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Lincoln Brigade
- b. 44 Special Collections - Livingston, William, Papers
- b. 44 Special Collections - Locke, Robinson
- b. 44 Special Collections - Loyalist transcripts
- b. 44 Special Collections - Lydenberg
- b. 44 Special Collections - McAlpin
- b. 44 Special Collections - MacDonald
- b. 44 Special Collections - Magonigle Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Maloney Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Mansfield Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Melville Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Mencken 1936-1950
- b. 44 Special Collections - Methodist Historical Society Records
- b. 44 Special Collections - Miller, B. K., Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - Morris, D. H., Collection

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- b. 44 Special Collections - Muller Collection 1939-1941
- b. 44 Special Collections - National Advisory Council on Radio Education
- b. 44 Special Collections - National Audubon Society
- b. 44 Special Collections - National Civic Federation
- b. 44 Special Collections - National Self Government
- b. 44 Special Collections - National Short-hand Collection 1940-1954
- b. 44 Special Collections - Neinken, Mortimer
- b. 44 Special Collections - New Theatre League Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - New York City Archives 1935-1944
- b. 44 Special Collections - New York City Vital Records
- b. 44 Special Collections - New York City Photograph Collection
- b. 44 Special Collections - New York Edison Company Photographs
- b. 44 Special Collections - New York Society Library
- b. 44 Special Collections - New York World's Fair Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Nuremburg Papers
- b. 45 Special Collections - O'Connor Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Oppenheim Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Pach Brothers Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Palestine Economic Corporation
- b. 45 Special Collections - Parsons Collection 1930-1940
- b. 45 Special Collections - Peace Now Collection 1945
- b. 45 Special Collections - Pfeiffer Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Pierrepont Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Players Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Poetry Society of America
- b. 45 Special Collections - Polish Socialist Party
- b. 45 Special Collections - Robinson, Edwin Arlington
- b. 45 Special Collections - Rogers Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Rossire Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Seventh Day Adventists Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Schwimmer-Lloyd 1940-1954
- b. 45 Special Collections - Society of American Magicians
- b. 45 Special Collections - Southern-Marlowe Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Spencer Collection 1940-1954
- b. 45 Special Collections - Speranza Collection
- b. 45 Special Collections - Spingarn, J.E.
- b. 45 Special Collections - Sprague Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Stanton Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Stokes 1934-1955
- b. 46 Special Collections - Stokes - Permissions 1937-1946
- b. 46 Special Collections - Stuart 1932-1933, 1941-1946 (2 folders)

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- b. 46 Special Collections - Taggard, Genevieve
- b. 46 Special Collections - Taylor, Moses
- b. 46 Special Collections - Thomas Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Tiffany and Company Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Tomlinson Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Toscanini Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Underhill, John
- b. 46 Special Collections - U.S. Civil Affairs Division
- b. 46 Special Collections - Van Vechten Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Vogelstein Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Waldorf Astoria Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Walsh Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Warburg Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Weber and Fields Music Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Wells, Gabriel
- b. 46 Special Collections - Whitman Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Whitney Collection of Cookbooks
- b. 46 Special Collections - Wilgus Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Williamson, Harry
- b. 46 Special Collections - Wilkie Campaign Collection
- b. 46 Special Collections - Wilson, Margaret B.
- b. 46 Special Collections - World War Posters
- b. 46 Special Reading Room Closing 1939
- b. 46 Stacks 1936-1938, 1940-1954
- b. 46 Statistics
- b. 46 Subpoenaes
- b. 46 Survey of Technical Processes ILL 1951-1956
- b. 46 Theatre Collection 1939-1954
- b. 46 Theatre Collection - Film 1939-1942
- b. 46 Theatre Collection - Kesselere 1951-1955
- b. 46 Theatre Collection - Miscellaneous 1953-1955
- b. 47 New York School of Social Work 1934-1953
- b. 47 New York Society for Ethical Culture
- b. 47 New York Society Library 1934-1942
- b. 47 New York State - Miscellaneous
- b. 47 New York State - Aid for Libraries 1943-1954
- b. 47 New York State - Colleges for teachers 1934-1951
- b. 47 New York State - Committee on Integration of College and University Library Resources
- b. 48 New York State - Library education Department 1934-1954
- b. 48 New York State - Library plan for N.Y.S. 1936

- b. 48 New York State - University
- b. 48 New York State Chamber of Commerce
- b. 48 New York State Historical Association 1939-1954
- b. 48 New York Telephone Company 1934-1945
- b. 48 New York Times 1937-1954
- b. 48 New York Tuberculosis and Health Association 1935-1943
- b. 48 New York University 1934-1945
- b. 48 New York World's Fair 1938-1939
- b. 48 New York World Telegram 1934-1943
- b. 49 New York Zoological Society 1941-1953
- b. 49 New Yorker Magazine 1941-1952
- b. 49 New Zealand 1934-1945
- b. 49 Newark Public Library 1934-1945
- b. 49 Newberry Library 1940-1945
- b. 49 Newcomer Society 1936-1946
- b. 49 Oa - Oz
- b. 49 Oakland Public Library
- b. 49 Ogden, Beecher
- b. 49 Ohio, various
- b. 49 Osborn
- b. 49 Ozophane Corporation 1937-1939
- b. 50 Pa - Pz
- b. 50 Paisley Press
- b. 50 Paltsits, Victor H.
- b. 50 Panken, J.
- b. 50 Patric, John
- b. 51 Paytner, Henry 1940-1949
- b. 51 Pearson, Mrs. Edmund 1937-1938
- b. 51 Pearson, Leroy 1938
- b. 51 Pemberton, John C. 1942
- b. 51 Pennsylvania - Miscellaneous Titles 1934-1941 (2 folders)
- b. 51 Pennsylvania, University of 1946-1951
- b. 51 Peters, Harry T. 1934-1949 (2 folders)
- b. 51 Pforzheimer, Carl H. 1944-1954
- b. 51 Philadelphia - Miscellaneous Titles 1937-1954 (5 folders)
- b. 51 Poland 1934-948
- b. 51 Poland - Appeal for Material 1940-1941
- b. 51 Polish Books 1940-1948
- b. 51 Polk, Frank 1934-1951 (5 folders)
- b. 51 Powell, Elsie 1934-1936
- b. 51 Pratt, Charles 1946-1956

- b. 51 Pratt Institute 1936-1950
- b. 51 Predeek, Albert 1936-1939
- b. 52 Pottle, Frederick A.
- b. 52 Public Library Inquiry 1947-1950
- b. 52 Puccini
- b. 52 Qua - Quz
- b. 52 Quinn 1938-1941
- b. 52 Ra - Red
- b. 53 Ree-Rei
- b. 53 Rel-Rez
- b. 53 Rh-Rich
- b. 53 Roa-Rob
- b. 53 Roc-Roh
- b. 53 Rol-Roo
- b. 53 Rop-Rosl
- b. 53 Ross-Roz
- b. 53 Rua-Russa
- b. 53 Russe-Rz
- b. 53 Rabinowitz, Louis 1952-1954
- b. 53 Radin, Herman T. 1934-1949
- b. 53 Radio Corporation of America (RCA)
- b. 53 Railway Economics 1936-1939
- b. 53 Readers Digest 1937-1951
- b. 53 Readex Microprint Corporation
- b. 53 Realty Advisory Board on Labor Relations 1937-1943
- b. 53 Recordak 1934-1944
- b. 53 Redmond, Ronald 1936-954
- b. 53 Reeves, Sidney 1934-1943 (2 folders)
- b. 53 Regional Library Services Center (N.Y. State) 1949-1952
- b. 53 Regan, John W. 1935-1939
- b. 53 Remey, Charles 1939-1940
- b. 53 Riddick, Lawrence (Schomburg)
- b. 54 Roberts, Dudley 1940
- b. 54 Rockefeller
- b. 54 Rubicon
- b. 54 Rutgers
- b. 54 Sa - Saint R.
- b. 54 Sc - Schoo
- b. 55 Schor - Scu
- b. 55 Stoc - Stor
- b. 56 Stor - SZ (4 folders)

- b. 56 Samuels, Lee 1950-1951
- b. 56 Saturday Review 1934-1953
- b. 56 Scheide, William 1940-1942
- b. 56 Schiff (Jacob R.) Fund 1952-1954
- b. 56 Schnakenberg, Henry A. 1941
- b. 56 Science Service Documentation Institute 1934-1941
- b. 56 Scientific Aids to Learning, Committee on 1937-1940 (2 folders)
- b. 56 Scribner Bookstore
- b. 56 Scribners Sons 1934-1953
- b. 56 Seldes, George 1951
- b. 56 Shaw, Albert 1947
- b. 56 Simon and Schuster 1935-1939
- b. 56 Skeel, Mrs. Roswell 1934-1949 (9 folders)
- b. 57 Skeel, Mrs. Roswell 1949-1954 (4 folders)
- b. 57 Skidmore College 1940-1951
- b. 57 Slattery, Adele 1953-1954
- b. 57 Smith, George W. 1941
- b. 57 Smith (Surnames)
- b. 57 Soviet Union 1940-1949
- b. 57 Spain 1934-1939
- b. 57 Special Libraries Association 1939-1951
- b. 57 Spellman, Francis Cardinal 1940-1954
- b. 57 Spingarn, J.E. 1939, 1954
- b. 57 Standard Oil Company 1941-1954
- b. 57 Stanford University 1940-1950 (2 folders)
- b. 57 Stewart & Shearer 1940-1951 (2 folders)
- b. 57 Stokes, Phelps 1936-1951
- b. 57 Straus, Percy S. 1939-1945
- b. 57 Streeter, Thomas W. 1952-1956
- b. 57 Stevens & Brown Company 1940-1953
- b. 57 Stevenson, E.L. 1940-1941
- b. 57 Stevenson, Robert L. 1945
- b. 57 Sydenham Hospital 1944
- b. 57 Syracuse University 1944-1953
- b. 58 Ta - Tz
- b. 58 Taylor
- b. 58 Toscanini
- b. 58 Ua - Uz
- b. 58 Unesco
- b. 58 United Nations 1946-1954
- b. 58 United States - Miscellaneous A - Z

- b. 58 United States - Army 1945-1951
- b. 58 United States - Department of Commerce
- b. 58 United States - Economic Warfare
- b. 58 United States - Government Printing Office
- b. 59 United States - Library of Congress 1935-1954
- b. 60 United States - National Archives 1935-1951
- b. 60 United States - National Resources Planning Board
- b. 60 United States - Navy
- b. 60 United States - State Department
- b. 60 United States - Treasury Department
- b. 60 United States - War Department
- b. 60 United States - Works Projects Administration
- b. 60 United States Steel
- b. 60 U.S. Trust Company
- b. 60 Va - Vz
- b. 60 Wa - Wz
- b. 60 Williams
- b. 60 Young and Rubicam