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Guide to the

**Jefferson Market Branch records**

1967-1996

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## Summary

**Creator:** New York Public Library. Jefferson Market Branch.

**Title:** Jefferson Market Branch records

**Date:** 1967-1996

**Size:** .5 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Source:** Transferred from Jefferson Market Branch.

**Abstract:** The Jefferson Market Branch of The New York Public Library, located in Greenwich Village, opened in 1967. The library occupies a New York City landmark building designed by architects Frederick Clark Withers and Calvert Vaux and was constructed during the years 1875-1876. It served as a courthouse from 1876-1945 and housed various city agencies from 1946-1958. Community members, led by Margot Gayle and Philip Wittenberg, rallied to save the building from demolition. In 1961 Mayor Robert F. Wagner announced that it would be preserved and converted into a public library. The redesign was by architect Giorgio Cavaglieri. Reports, administrative records and publicity materials documenting operations of the Jefferson Market Branch of The New York Public Library.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Preferred citation:** Jefferson Market 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**

Reports, administrative records and publicity materials documenting operations of the Jefferson Market Branch of The New York Public Library.

### **Key Terms**

#### **Names**

New York Public Library. Jefferson Market Branch.

## Container List

### Jefferson Market Branch Records 1967-1996

- b. 1 f. 1 Brochures 1975-1994, n.d.
- b. 1 f. 2 Children's Programs 1980-1981
- b. 1 f. 3 Closing 1983
- b. 1 f. 4 Committee for the Clock n.d.
- b. 1 f. 5 Committee for a Library in the Courthouse n.d.
- b. 1 f. 6 Dedication of Fence 1984
- b. 1 f. 7 Exterior Renovation 1995
- b. 1 f. 8 News clippings v.d.
- b. 1 f. 9 Opening 1967
- b. 1 f. 10 Pratt Library School Report - Robert Sink 1974
- b. 1 f. 11-12 Program Flyers 1968-1973
- b. 1 f. 13 Staff retirement - Paul Schmidt 1996
- b. 1 f. 14 Summer Reading Club n.d.
- b. 2 f. 1 American Institute of Architects/American Library Association Citation 1976
- b. 2 f. 2 News clipping 1967
- b. 2 f. 3 Poster n.d.