



The New York Public Library  
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Guide to the

**Riverside Branch records**

1942-1992

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## Summary

**Creator:** New York Public Library. Riverside Branch

**Title:** Riverside Branch records

**Date:** 1942-1992

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

**Source:** Transferred from Riverside Branch Library.

**Abstract:** Brochures, clippings and correspondence documenting the Riverside Branch of The New York Public Library.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Physical Location:** RG 8

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**Language of the Material:** English

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## Creator History

In 1894 the Riverside Association began operating a small lending library on West 59th Street in Manhattan. Three years later this library was absorbed by the New York Free Circulating Library (NYFCL) and moved to West 69th Street. When NYFCL merged with The New York Public Library in 1901 the library became that institution's Riverside Branch. In 1905 the branch was moved to a new building at 190 Amsterdam Avenue, constructed with funds provided by Andrew Carnegie. The branch remained there for nearly 87 years, the last 23 in a modern building that replaced the old one at the same site. In September 1992, the Riverside Branch re-opened in a new building at 127 Amsterdam Avenue. The main floor features extensive collections for adults and teenagers. The Children's Room on the second floor combines materials from the Riverside Branch with the specialized children's

collections formerly housed at The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts.

### **Scope and Content Note**

Records consist of brochures, clippings and correspondence documenting the Riverside Branch of The New York Public Library.

### **Key Terms**

#### **Subjects**

Branch libraries

Libraries -- New York (State) -- New York

Public libraries -- New York (State) -- New York

#### **Names**

New York Public Library. Riverside Branch

## Container List

### Riverside Branch Records 1942-1992

- b. 1 f. 1 Branch bookmarks 1992
- b. 1 f. 2 Branch brochure 1975-ca. 1992
- b. 1 f. 3 Correspondence with speakers 1942-1945
- b. 1 f. 4 New building 1992
- b. 1 f. 5 Opening 1905
- b. 1 f. 6 Overton, Florence - Letters to Riverside Librarian Kay O'Brien 1945
- b. 1 f. 7 Program flyers 1967-1973