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Summary

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Abstract: Administrative files from the office of Harald Ostvold, Chief of the Reference Department of The New York Public Library from 1958-1963.

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Creator History

Harald Ostvold worked for various academic libraries before joining The New York Public Library in 1957 as Chief of Science and Technology. In 1958 he was appointed Chief of the Reference Department (known as the Research Libraries after 1966.) He left NYPL in 1963 to become Director of

Libraries at the California Institute of Technology.

Scope and Content Note

Records consist of memoranda and forms documenting various aspects of the administration of the NYPL Reference Department.

Key Terms

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