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Guide to the

**Muhlenberg Branch records**

1906-1997

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## Summary

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

**Title:** Muhlenberg Branch records

**Date:** 1906-1997

**Size:** 4 linear feet (8 boxes)

**Source:** Transferred from Muhlenberg Branch Library

**Abstract:** Reports, brochures, news clippings and administrative files documenting the Muhlenberg Branch of The New York Public Library.

**Physical Location:** RG 8

### Conditions Governing Access:

Box 6 is closed until 2081.

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

**Language of the Material:** English

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### Related Materials:

Free Circulating Libraries Records. New York Public Library Archives.

## Creator History

The Muhlenberg Branch of The New York Public Library opened in 1906 at 209 West 23rd Street in Manhattan. It was one of the 65 branches built from funds given to New York City by Andrew Carnegie.

Designed by architects Carrere and Hastings, the branch is named for William Augustus Muhlenberg, the first rector of Chelsea's Church of the Holy Communion. Muhlenberg had donated many books to the New York Free Circulating Library, which had previously operated a branch in the neighborhood. In 2000, the branch was renovated through the Library's Adopt-A-Branch program.

## **Scope and Content Note**

Muhlenberg Branch Records include reports, brochures, program flyers and administrative files documenting branch activities from 1906-1997.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Branch libraries

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

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

### **Names**

New York Public Library. Muhlenberg Branch

## Container List

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- b. 1 f. 1 Annual reports - Adult Services 1959-1961
- b. 1 f. 2 Annual reports - Branch 1926-1990
- b. 1 f. 3 Annual reports - Children's Room 1951-1990
- b. 1 f. 4 Annual reports - Reader's Adviser 1947-1950
- b. 1 f. 5 Annual reports - Reference 1944-1951
- b. 1 f. 6 Annual reports - School and Reference 1940-1943
- b. 1 f. 7 Annual reports - School Work 1950
- b. 2 f. 1 Anniversaries - 75th 1981
- b. 2 f. 2 Anniversaries - 80th 1986
- b. 2 f. 3 Anniversaries - 90th 1996
- b. 8 f. 1 Anniversaries - 90th 1996
- b. 8 f. 2 Architectural drawings 1975, n.d.
- b. 2 f. 4 Award from Chelsea Reform Democratic Club 1984
- b. 2 f. 5 Book Orders - Units 1959-1976
- b. 2 f. 6 Book pocket with Circulation Department Rules ca. 1911
- b. 2 f. 7 Borrowers card ca. 1911
- b. 2 f. 8 Brochures 1931-1975, n.d.
- b. 2 f. 9 Building painting 1977-1978
- b. 8 f. 3 Building - widening 23rd Street 1911
- b. 2 f. 10 Chelsea Gay Association Benefit n.d.
- b. 2 f. 11 Chelsea Library Committee 1946
- b. 2 f. 12 Circulation Growth 1982
- b. 2 f. 13 Correspondence - Bonnie Williams n.d.
- b. 2 f. 14 Correspondence - Adele Martin 1937-1940
- b. 2 f. 15 Drop Everything and Read - Favorite Books 1997
- b. 8 f. 4 Drop Everything and Read n.d.
- b. 2 f. 16 Exhibits - Flight 1954
- b. 2 f. 17 Exhibits - Housing 1947
- b. 2 f. 18 Forum Theatre 1941
- b. 2 f. 19 Grannis, Helen Wark - obituary 1935
- b. 2 f. 20 History notes n.d.
- b. 2 f. 21 History of Muhlenberg, R. Petsche 1990
- b. 2 f. 22 Inter-Library Bus Service 1984
- b. 2 f. 23 Journal ca. 1906-1910
- b. 2 f. 24 Local authors n.d.
- b. 2 f. 25 Muhlenberg College n.d.
- b. 2 f. 26 Muhlenberg family n.d.
- b. 2 f. 27 Muhlenberg Forum - correspondence 1932-1942

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- b. 2 f. 28 Muhlenberg Forum - programs 1931-1942
- b. 3 f. 1 Muhlenberg Library Association n.d.
- b. 3 f. 2 New York Public Library Centennial 1995
- b. 3 f. 3 News clippings v.d.
- b. 3 f. 4 Opening 1906
- b. 3 f. 5 Penn South Book Discussion Club 1977-1978
- b. 3 f. 6-10 People's Institute 1927-1929, n.d.
- b. 3 f. 11-30 Programs 1940s-1990s, n.d.
- b. 4 f. 1-2 Public Relations Activities 1937-1944
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- b. 4 f. 4 Staff Meetings 1938-1939
- b. 4 f. 5 Statistics - Adult Education Programs 1950
- b. 4 f. 6 Statistics - Book Stock, foreign 1950
- b. 4 f. 7 Statistics - circulation 1949-1950
- b. 4 f. 8 Survey of Adult Users 1941
- b. 4 f. 9 Telephones 1985
- b. 4 f. 10 Victory Book Campaign 1943
- b. 4 f. 11 World Religion Day Exhibit 1982
- b. 5 f. 1 Childrens Room - Correspondence from Children to Katherine Love 1958
- b. 5 f. 2 Children's Room - hours n.d.
- b. 5 f. 3 Children's Room - news clippings v.d.
- b. 5 f. 4-5 Children's Room - programs 1979-1989, n.d.
- b. 5 f. 6 Children's Room - scrapbook 1986
- b. 5 f. 7 Children's Room - shelving 1987
- b. 5 f. 8-9 Children's Room - statistics 1942-1951
- b. 5 f. 10 Children's Room - story hours 1950-1962
- b. 6 Children's Room - registration books 1952-1981  
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- b. 7 f. 1 Publications - A Touch of Soul 1972
- b. 7 f. 2 Publications - Black Experience in Children's Audiovisual Materials 1973
- b. 7 f. 3 Publications - Black Experience in Children's Books 1971-1994
- b. 7 f. 4 Publications - Black Films 1970
- b. 7 f. 5-7 Publications - Children's Books 1932-1994
- b. 7 f. 8 Publications - Children's Books and Recordings 1972-1978
- b. 7 f. 9 Publications - Children's Books of Yesterday 1933  
Inscribed by Anne Carroll Moore.
- b. 7 f. 10 Publications - Children's Video 1987
- b. 7 f. 11 Publications - Content of the Basket: Children's Books and Reading, edited  
by Frances Lander Spain 1960
- b. 7 f. 12 Publications - Films for Children 1966-1969
- b. 7 f. 13 Publications - Films for Learning 1956
- b. 7 f. 14 Publications - Libros en Espanol 1971-1993

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- b. 7 f. 15      Publications - Light A Candle: Jewish Experience ion Children's Books 1993
- b. 7 f. 16      Publications - Reference Books for Children's Collections 1991
- b. 7 f. 17      Publications - Stories 1927-1990