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Guide to the

**Seward Park Branch records**

1890-1989

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## Summary

**Creator:** New York Public Library. Seward Park Branch

**Title:** Seward Park Branch records

**Date:** 1890-1989

**Size:** 3 linear feet (7 boxes)

**Source:** Transferred from Seward Park Branch.

**Abstract:** Reports, memoranda, correspondence, brochures, clippings and administrative files documenting the operation of the Seward Park Branch of The New York Public Library.

**Physical Location:** RG 8

### Conditions Governing Access:

Boxes 5-7 are closed to research.

**Preferred citation:** Seward Park 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, held by NYPL Archives includes material on Aguilar Free Library Society branches

## Creator History

The Seward Park Branch of The New York Public Library traces its origins to 1886, when the Aguilar

Free Library Society (AFLS) was incorporated to provide library services to New York's immigrant Jewish community. During the 1880s-1890s AFLS operated branches on East Broadway on Manhattan's lower east side. In 1903 AFLS merged with NYPL, and plans were made to build a new branch library in the neighborhood with funds provided by Andrew Carnegie. The Seward Park Branch, situated on the eastern edge of the park for which it is named, opened in 1909.

## **Scope and Content Note**

Records consist of reports, brochures, clippings, administrative files and registration books documenting operation of the Seward Park Branch.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Branch libraries

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

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

### **Names**

New York Public Library. Seward Park Branch

## Container List

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- b. 1 f. 12 Annual Reports - Young Adult Services 1951-1979
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- b. 2 f. 4 Circulation Statistics 1905-1910
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- b. 4 f. 5 Children's Room - Summer Reading 1962
- b. 5 Registration Books - Adult 1911-1914  
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- b. 6 Registration Books - Children 1916-1918
- v. 1 Closed to research.
- b. 6 Registration Books - Children 1940-1948, n.d.
- v. 2-3 Closed to research.
- b. 6 Registration Books - Children 1961-1966
- v. 4 Closed to research.
- b. 7 Registration Books - Children 1966-1985  
Closed to research.