

**Records of the Multnomah County Library**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
**Accession 2002-000363**  
**Central Library**



July, 1995 photograph of central library renovation project showing view into stack area. Note graffiti in plaster from original 1913 construction. *From Department of Library Services Accession 2002-000293/018, Library Construction Project Records.*

The records in this accession document accessioning and circulation actions at Central Library. The records include accession registers, patron registers, holdings inventories, and records documenting the subscriptions to provide for library expenses, including the construction of the 1893 Central Library building. The records date from 1870 until 1930. Much of this information is currently automated in the Library's DYNA system. Most of the records in this accession are oversized volumes.

1. Accessioning Records, 1873-1930
2. Patron Registers, 1871-1894
3. Holdings Inventories, ? – 1893
4. Register of Lawyers, nd.
5. Subscription Records, 1891 and nd.

## **Series Listing**

### ***1. Accessioning Records***

*1873-1930*

*30 volumes*

*Alphabetically by record type, then chronological.*

Records documenting the accession of books and other materials into the library system. Usually includes information about the book, when it was accessioned, and where it was located. A listing of included records follows.

#### Accession Registers

Albina (3 volumes), 1907-1911  
Central Library (19 volumes), 1873-1930  
East Portland (2 volumes), 1907-1910  
Pamphlets, 1909-1911  
School Libraries (2 volumes), 1910-1911  
Sellwood, 1907-1911

Discard and Transfer Register, 1913-1915  
Newspaper Inventory, 1870

### ***2. Patron Registers***

*1871-1894*

*18 volumes*

*Chronological by date of record.*

Registers documenting patrons of the library and their use of materials. During the time period covered by these records, all patrons would have also been subscribing members of the Library Association of Portland. Information includes patron name, date, item(s) borrowed, date borrowed, date returned, and fines levied. Includes an alphabetical index to patrons in each book.

### ***3. Holdings Inventories***

*[?-1893]*

*6 volumes*

*Alphabetical by subject.*

Inventories document library holdings in six broad categories. Inventories show name of works, author, date, and various notes relating to the works. A listing of included records follows.

Biography, nd  
Biology, nd  
“Good Novels”, 1886-1893  
Periodicals from the Ladies Reading Room, nd  
Science, nd  
Travels, nd

**4. Register of Lawyers**

*nd*

*1 volume*

*Numerical by registration number.*

Listing of lawyers with a registration number.

**5. Subscription Records**

*1891-92 and nd*

*2 volumes*

*Unarranged.*

One volume (nd) includes \$6750 in subscriptions for the “purpose of making repairs to the Library Building and Furniture.” The other volume (1891-1892) includes \$45,000 in subscriptions for “the purpose of defraying the current expense of the Library Association of Portland.”