

Records of the Multnomah County Library
Scope and Content Note
Accession 2002-000362
Community Services Division



Photograph of a happy reader was used to illustrate the 1935 report "Ten Years: Chronicle of the Book Truck, 1924-1934." *From Department of Library Services accession 2002-000362/002, Branch Reports.*

The records in this accession document the various community services programs operated by the Multnomah County Library and its predecessor, the Library Association of Portland (1864-1990). Primarily this is a record of branch library activities, but also includes programs like Bookmobiles, Books for the Blind, jail services, Old Town Reading Room, and other services provided outside of the Central Library. Records are primarily various branch reports to the Community Services director, but also include a 1986-1989 project to identify and analyze the community impact of branch libraries. Records date from the 1907 and continue on through 1997. Photographs, deviant format materials, and oversize materials have been separated from the bulk of the collection and a listing is available.

Series Listing

1. Branch Records, 1907-1997
2. Library Branch Project Records, 1985-1993

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1. Branch Records

1907-1997

5 cubic feet

Alphabetically by branch, then alphabetical by subject.

Records of the individual branches, generally reporting to the Community (previously Extension) Services director. The most commonly found records are monthly, annual, and children's librarian reports of branch accomplishments – staff, circulation, activities, etc – in a narrative format. Other records include scrapbooks, photographs, and correspondence. Folder listing available.

2. Library Branch Project Records

1985-1993

1 cubic foot

Alphabetical by branch.

Records documenting a project to describe existing branches and their communities in order to locate areas of service that could be improved. The initial branch profiles were created by PSU students and subsequent community profiles (in 1986 and 1989) were created by the department. Records include project reports, community analyses, market analyses, and related correspondence. A listing of included reports follows.

Branch Profiles (1986-1989)

Albina
Belmont
Capitol Hill
Gregory Heights
Gresham (1986 report missing)
Hillsdale (1989 community analysis missing)
Holgate
Hollywood
Midland
North Portland
Rockwood
Sellwood
St. Johns
Woodstock

Correspondence, 1990-1993

Market Profiles, 1989

Questionnaires, 1985