Alaska State Library
MS 186

2 boxes
26 folders

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Acquisition: The original collection was transferred from the Alaska State Library’s administrative office in 1999 by George V. Smith, Deputy Director (Folders 1-14). In Feb. 2005, administrative files from the Historical Collections were added, beginning with Folder 15. Folder 26 was transferred from Alaska State Library administrative files on July 22, 2008.

Access: The collection is unrestricted.

Copyright: Request for permission to publish or reproduce material from the collection should be discussed with the librarian.

Processing: Collection was re-folded. Original order and folder titles were retained. In 2005, active administrative and historical files from Historical Collections were added to the end and the collection was made ongoing. Photographs were added to PCA 304. A folder-level inventory is available.

Organizational History

The Department of Library Service was established in 1955 to provide library service in the Territory of Alaska, to serve as a reference library for Territorial offices and libraries,
to coordinate and assist library activities throughout the territory, and to administer the annual grant-in-aid to incorporated library associations. In 1959 the Department was placed within the Department of Education for administrative purposes; it assumed the title Alaska State Library.


**Scope and Contents Note**

The collection includes correspondence, speeches, papers, minutes, reports, and other records documenting the conception and early days of the Alaska State Library. The collection also includes some records of the Alaska Historical Association. Although the documents include the 1920-1998 time-period, the bulk of the collection is from 1954-1982. Photographs were added to PCA 304, Libraries in Alaska.

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**Inventory**

**Box 1**

Folder 1: History: General


Folder 3: History: Pre Library Service, Governor’s Office, 1953-1955


Folder 5: History: Library Service History, General

Folder 6: History: Territorial Board Minutes

Folder 7: History: Dept. of Library Services, to LS(C)A Files

Folder 8: Alaska Historical Association

Folder 9: Public Service Announcement

Folder 10: Library of Congress – Alaskan

Folder 11: Historical Collections
Folder 12: House of Wickersham, SCR 15 & HCR 8, 1981
Folder 13: House of Wickersham, 1982
Folder 14: George Rapuzzi House

The following files were transferred from the Historical Collections’ active administrative files in 2005 (Folders 15-22).

Box 2

Folder 15: Alaska State Library 1958-1960
Folder 16: Advisory Committee, 1969
Folder 17: Correspondence re: State Archives legislation, 1970
Folder 18: Alaska Historical Library history, annual reports, report of progress (photocopies) 1923-1958
Folder 20: Alaska Historical Library E. L. Keithahn, Helen A. Shenitz, Helen Dirtadian 1960-1963
Folder 22: Alaska Historical Library memoranda 1965-
Folder 23: Alaska Historical Library Bob DeArmond notes
Folder 25: Alaska State Library, 2005- : George V. Smith, Deputy Director / Director retirement party, flood, press, etc.

“Alaska State Library Invites you to our re-opening” [Poster announcing the re-opening of the AK State Library’s circulating collections after Feb.
10, 2005 flood due to pipe breaks] Located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault

Folder 26: Executive Proclamations relating to library services in Alaska.