

Guide to the Vassar College Library Records, 1890-2007

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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Vassar College. Library
Title:	Vassar College Library Records
Dates:	1890-2007
Quantity:	36 cubic feet (62 boxes)
Abstract:	Materials concerning exhibits, the Library building, the history of the Library, and other routine matters.

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Administrative History

Vassar has had a library since the college opened in 1865. The first library consisted of one room in Main Building with approximately three thousand books. As the collection grew, the need for more space became apparent. In 1893, Frederick Ferris Thompson, a Vassar trustee, donated the funds for an addition jutting out from the center of the building. After Thompson's death, his wife, Mary Clark Thompson, had a new building erected in his honor, which was completed in 1905. Additions to Thompson Memorial Library include the 1937 connection to Taylor Hall, which includes the Van Ingen Art Library; the 1976 Helen D. Lockwood Library; and the Martha Rivers and E. Bronson Ingram Library, completed in 2001, which includes the Catherine Pelton Durrell Archives and Special Collections Library.

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Scope and Content Note

Accession records, minutes, reports, correspondence, memoranda, photographs, and programs concerning exhibits, the Library building, the history of the Library, and other routine matters. Also includes scrapbooks of programs, brochures, booklets, and forms.

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Subject Headings

Subjects:

- Libraries, University and college--New York (State)--Poughkeepsie
- Women's colleges--New York (State)--Poughkeepsie

Document Types:

- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

VCL Categories

- Vassar College Administrative Offices and Functions

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Elizabeth Clarke, April 2007.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Vassar College Library Records, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Unprocessed.

Acquisition Information

College transfers.

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Container List

There is no container list currently available for this collection.

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