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Ryerson Library Foundation / Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation Records

Collection # 342

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Abstract

The Ryerson Library Foundation was created in xxxx, primarily as a funding are to the Grand Rapids Public Library. It funds numerous programs and projects within the GRPL system, with the largest endeavor to date being the fund raising for the library building program in the late 1990s to 2003 when the Main Library Building reopened after that major renovation. In the Fall of 2008, the organization changed its name to the Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation.

Most of this collection remains unprocessed at this time.

Collection #: 324

Accession #: 2004.010B ; 2006.001

Donor: Marcie Lewis, Ryerson Library Foundation

Span dates:

Original processing date: 2004

Size: 8.2 linear ft. (98.0 in.)

Related Collections

Coll. 109, The Grand Rapids Public Library Administrative Archives, may include the same documents or contents related to similar projects, after the date of Ryerson's Foundation in the 1990's.

Box Summary

Box No.	Description of Contents	Box Description
Box Inventory September 2009		
1	Annual Reports, Publ.	Standard
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Added 1/24/2007		
3	Library Expansion reports, 1987-1995	Standard
Box added 01/03/2006 2006.001		
4	Graphics. 2006.001	Folio clam
5	Images & Photos 2006.001	slim
Boxes 4 & 5 Added 01/03/2006		
6	Library Board files. 2008.035	slim
Added 6/24/2008		
FF	2006.001 Main floor plans Fishbeck poster	
See Archivist		
7	Capital Campaign 2004.010B	Cubic
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x	2004.010B	Cubic
x	2004.010B	Cubic
2004.010B IN PROCESS, July 2008		
x	Unprocessed. 2007.011.2. Inventory.	Cubic
x	Unprocessed. 2007.011.2 Inventory.	Standard
Added 3/15/2007		

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Scope and Content
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Series III. Publications

Annual Reports

1	x	1992/1993 1994	2006.001	Added 01/03/2006
1	x	1994 c.2 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999	00.[5335].1	Added 1/28/2008
1	x	2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 c. 1 2004.010b c. 2 2006.001	2006.001	Added 01/03/2006
1	x	2005		
1	x	2008? Created in the style of a checkbook. Difficult to recognize as an annual report from its physical format; fragile in use.		
1	x	Ryerson Reader (newsletter) Fall 2005		
		2007.011		Added 1/24/2007
1	x	Our Library : A Gift to the Generations RE: Writing contest winners. Initial pages of the publication include images of the new library & branch libraries after renovation.		
1	x	Presentation Copy of the same publication, wrapped in leather, an contained in a special case of white plastic, with rendering of library imprinted.		

Series IV. Projects documentation

Capital Campaign

Library Building Program / Renovation, 1987-

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|----|---|--|
| x | x | A Library Building Program for the Grand Rapids Main Library, Grand Rapids, Michigan : Library Building Study / prepared by Providence Associates, Inc., Library Planners & Consultants, Denton, Texas. May 1995
2006.001 Added 01/03/2006 |
| FF | x | Graphics
Library Exterior Renovation / FTC & H, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.
Poster on foamcore, oversized.
2 images, with the 1960's/1970's library building on left and post renovation Keeler Wing on the right, view at Fountain & Bostwick.
2006.001 Added 01/03/2006 |
| x | x | Gift to the Generations Fund Raising flyer
2 PMT's [photographic master transfer] back & front, and flyer made from the master.
Rendering of proposed new building with the cone roofs on the towers.
Original illustration, marker? on paper. Formerly attached to a white board w tape, w some stickiness still present near the top.
2006.001 Added 01/03/2006 |
| x | x | Gift to the Generations Fund Raising flyer
Flyer only.
This version includes a rendering of the latest plans for Main, without the cone roofs on the towers. |
| x | x | Color laser photocopy or print of Ryerson Building entrance, n.d.
2006.001 Added 01/03/2006 |
| X | x | Floor plans on foamcore.
Original Ryerson Building, [1904] floor plans
Basement
First Floor
Second floor
2006.001 Added 01/03/2006 |

Series IV. Projects documentation

Capital Campaign

Library Building Program / Renovation, 1987-

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|---|---|---|
| x | x | Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, Jan. 28, 1999 design boards.
1. 1967. Includes 4 images of furniture from that period, not used in the old building, plus a color scheme.
2. Ryerson Entrance. Includes image of old entrance and detail, plus a view toward the interior skylight, along with a sample of the Ryerson carpet pattern.
3. Ryerson Periodicals. 2 images of chairs and a color scheme.
4. Ryerson Meeting Room. 2 images of chairs, and a color scheme.
2006.001 Added 01/03/2006 |
| 1 | x | Padnos Sculpture. 2004
Given to the Ryerson Foundation for the GRPL
Information page & image from the GRPL Website
Email to GRPL.ORG from Marcie Lewis. Jan 4, 2004. |

Series V. Images & Photographs

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| x | x | Ryerson entrance. B/w photo image. Probably from a postcard. Not date, but possibly early [ca. 1910?] A sign for an exhibit is attached to the building to the left of the entrance.
Mounted on foamcore.
2006.001 |
| OVE | x | Ryerson Building photo images, reproductions. (x)
3 oversized prints of the original Ryerson toward the East, showing the building on the corner. "15 min." parking sign at the curb, with people and auto in front. Shows the original rear "stacks" wing.
1 view of Ryerson building from the park, to the East, showing the same corner building/house center right, and other buildings toward Fountain Street behind the library. No leaves on the trees.
In envelop with label "Amy McKay Design" |
| x | x | Black & white photo montage of 5 postcards of the original Ryerson Library and neighborhood. (6 copies, 01/03/2006) 2006.001 |
| x | x | 2003 color images of the Main Library & branches, including those newly renovated.
Main Library
West Leonard Branch [new branch]
Van Belkum Branch Library [Creston]
Seymour Branch [new building]
Ottawa Hills Branch
Yankee Clipping Branch [no renovation visible]
Madison Square Branch [new building]
West Side Branch |
| x | x | Main Library exteriors during renovation, Digital proofs, 4 sheets (Images 0001-0033)
From FTC&H? |
| X | x | Main Library during renovation, mostly interiors, with some exteriors, 3 sheets
Images 5788, 5789, 5792, 5794, 5796, 5799, 5800-5802, 5804-5805, 5807-5809, 5812-5815, 5817-5820, 5822-5731
From FTC&H? |

Series IV. Projects documentation

Capital Campaign

Library Building Program / Renovation, 1987-

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| X | x | Renovation Photosheet sets.
Several sets with month & year handwritten on the first sheet.
April 2001
May 2001
June 2001
July 2001
Sept. 2001
Some proofs have a yellow sticky tab, possibly annotating those to be printed as photographs. Tabs to be removed for preservation (stickiness), and annotate with small pencil "X". |
| x | x | Color proofs & photos of preconstruction building tour group. [March 2001]
2 proof sheets. Sheet 1 has 1-35 w 8 missing. Sheet 2 has 1-26, plus 2 added at the end.
8 color prints, mostly of tour group rather than the building, but including the 2-R fireplace. These print have Walgreens date 03/28/01.
2 sets of 35 mm. Negatives, to be removed to separate housing. |

Series VI. Ryerson Foundation Board.

See Archives RE unprocessed holdings

2008.035 Miscellaneous Files

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| 6 | x | Board Member Lists, Notices and Orientation Memos |
| | | Info. About or author by specific board members |
| 6 | x | Robert Alt |
| 6 | x | Shirley Daniels |
| 6 | x | Gil Davis |
| 6 | x | Richard VanderVeen |
| 6 | x | Miscellaneous biographical |
| 6 | x | Board packet, March 27, 1994. |
| | | Adopt A Donor & Financial Management Policy Revision |
| 6 | x | Adopt A Donor gold forms. |
| 6 | x | Board Memo, Sept. 22, 1994 |
| | | Tour of New Public Museum |
| 6 | x | Board Packet, Jan. 23, 1996 |
| | | 4 readings |
| 6 | x | Special Events Data, 1993-1994 |
| | | Including millage & grant info. |
| 6 | x | Correspondence, Memos and Announcements, 1994-1999 |
| 6 | x | Memos, Nancy Douglas, 1996-1997 |
| 6 | x | Grand Rapids Foundation. Community Fund Raising Calendar, 1994, 1996 |
| 6 | x | Grand Rapids Public Library Documents |
| | | GRPL Library Notes, Jan. 1994. (newsletter) |
| | | Library Director's Report (Bob Raz), March, 1993 |
| | | GRPL memorandum. June 25, 1996. From Sue Squire RE Communications |
| | | Workshop |
| | | Exhibit Opening. GRPL, March 1994 |