

P.H. Welshimer Library Records

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INTRODUCTION

Title: P.H. Welshimer Library Records 1931-2007

Collection Number: 40

Physical Description: 5 boxes

Creator: John W. Neth and Steven L. Preston

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance: The P.H. Welshimer Library records were collected by library directors John Neth and Steve Preston during their tenures at Milligan.

Access: These records are open for research.

Processing Information: Eric Nauman finished processing the collection on February 20, 2008.

BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL NOTE

John Neth and Steve Preston both served as the director of the P.H. Welshimer Memorial Library at Milligan College. John Neth held the position of Library Director from 1953 to 1958 and again from 1962 to 1980. Steve Preston succeeded him as Library Director and served from 1981 to 2007. The materials and records in this collection were gathered by both men and were donated to the Milligan College archives upon Steve Preston's retirement in 2007.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection includes materials dating between 1931 and 2007. It includes various types of records and materials pertaining to the P.H. Welshimer Library and Milligan College. The collection contains records relating to the library committee, library holdings, library budgets, personnel, SACS accreditation, and library history. The Records are arranged into seven series and various sub-series. Series I is records of various committees relating to the P.H. Welshimer Library. Series II is financial and budgeting records of the library. Series III is library holdings and circulation statistics.

Series IV is records and reports related to SACS accreditation and Milligan College. Series V is library personnel records. Series VI is library history and Series VII is Mid-Appalachia College Council, Inc. library records.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series I, COMMITTEE RECORDS, 1972-2005, Box 1.

Series I contains 3 Sub-series relating to various Milligan College Committees. **Sub-series A** contains records from the Library Committee. It contains committee meeting minutes and correspondence relating to committee business. This sub-series also contains recommendations to and from the Library Committee. **Sub-series B** contains materials from the Technology Applications Committee (formerly known as the Computer Committee). This sub-series contains reports and proposals to and from the committee, descriptions of new technology applications, price quotes for new components, and announcements and memos to faculty and staff concerning new resources. **Sub-series C** includes materials relating to the Academic Committee at Milligan College. This sub-series includes Archives Committee meeting minutes, Student Council Library Commission reports, and materials about a planned Milligan branch campus at Harford Maryland in 1975.

Series II, LIBRARY BUDGET MATERIALS, 1958-2005, Box 1.

Series II contains budgeting and spending records for the P.H. Welshimer Library. It contains the library's budgets from 1963-2005. Financial reports compiled by John Neth are also included. Additionally, this series includes purchasing records for the library.

Series III, LIBRARY HOLDINGS AND CIRCULATION STATISTICS, 1931-2004, Boxes 1 and 2.

Series III contains four sub-series related to holdings and circulation at the P.H. Welshimer Library. **Sub-series A** contains new materials lists, also known as "Librarians," which were informational lists sent to faculty on a regular basis showing new titles that the library had recently acquired. **Sub-series B** contains yearly reports to the President, annual Library Reports, and recommendation surveys. **Sub-series C** contains circulation records and statistics on book counts, periodical holdings, missing books, and circulation statistics.

Series IV, SACS ACCREDITATION RECORDS AND MATERIALS, 1959-1994, Box 3.

This series contains materials relating to accreditation of Milligan College by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In the series are academic evaluations of Milligan and comparisons to other SACS institutions. There are also lists of reference books for libraries of SACS schools. The remainder of the series is “Milligan Self Studies”, “Strategic Planning Reports”, and planning reports for the academic area. Several volumes of “Facts and Trends were removed from the collection and placed in the “Facts and Trends” collection.

Series V, LIBRARY PERSONNEL RECORDS, 1972-2007, Box 3.

This series contains materials relating library personnel, both full-time and student workers. It contains lists library personnel by semester, student worker task assignments and contracts, full-time personnel information, and library handbooks. There are also records of night attendance in the library in this series.

Series VI, P.H. WELSHIMER LIBRARY HISTORY, 1957-2002, Box 4.

This series is a broad collection of materials relating to the history of the P.H. Welshimer Library. Since the materials in this collection have a wide range of topics, the folder headings are listed below:

- Dedication of the P.H. Welshimer Memorial Library, 1957
- Emmanuel School of Religion Library at the Welshimer Library
- Title II- Library Resource Program
- John Neth Correspondence
- Purpose of Man Essay Contest, 1964-1965
- NCATE, 1966-1971
- Beaunit Fibers Gift, 1969
- American Enterprise Institute, 1972
- Law File-Milligan College Library History
- An Evaluation of the Resources of the Libraries of the “Tri-City Area College Library Council” with Recommendations for Their Improvement
- Steve Preston Correspondence, 1984-1985, 2000-2002

Series VII, MACCI RECORDS, 1969-1975, Box 5.

This series contains records relating to Mid-Appalachia College Council, Inc., which was a consortium of twelve colleges, which included Milligan College. The materials in this series mostly have to do with the MACCI libraries. The records in this collection include MACCI library meetings, reports, programs, and additional files collected by John Neth.