

RIT Wallace Library collection

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Abstract:

RIT Wallace Memorial Library records, documents, and ephemera pertaining to the 1988 addition and all around Library practices.

Scope & Contents:

Collection contains letters, memorandums, fliers, posters, invitations both formal and informal, handbooks, hand-outs, blueprints, planning booklets, and ephemera. Date range is wide, spanning from late 1800s to the present. Many pieces deal with events and issues handled within the library, as well as contact with other exists outside libraries about student employment and book handling. There is a large portion covering the building of the new library on the Henrietta campus as well as the expansion and dedication of it in 1988.

Historical Note:

Rochester Institute of Technology's first library was not entirely a library but a collection of books and materials that those involved in the school at the time—then called Rochester Athenaeum & Mechanics' Association (RAMA)—could borrow for no cost. By 1877 however the collection had been sold off to help keep the Institute afloat. So when the Rochester Athenaeum & Mechanics Institute (RAMI) was formed in 1891, there was only a small collection of books left. A small, single room in the Eastman building was dedicated to this first library, and in 1910 the Institute hired Eleanor Gleason as its first librarian.

Box 1: Presentations & Events

- **Folder 1:** Gallery Shows 1977-1995
- **Folder 2:** Informal Event Invitations 1967-2007
- **Folder 3:** Formal Event Invitations 1944-2007
- **Folder 4:** Donald Duck/Library Birthday – 1984
- **Folder 5:** Bibliobuild – 2002
- **Folder 6:** Idea Factory – Soapbox – 2005 & 2006
- **Folder 7:** ACRL Excellence In Academic Libraries Award – 2006
- **Folder 8:** Fish Philosophy Presentation – January 4, 2007
- **Folder 9:** Misc. Events – 2007-
- **Folder 10:** Food for Thought – 2008
- **Folder 11:** A tapestry of many textures – 2008
- **Folder 12:** The Future of reading Symposium – 2010-

Box 2: Correspondence, Numbers, Publishing

- **Folder 1:** Informational Bookmarks 1983-1992

- **Folder 2:** Memos, Correspondence, and Interlibrary notes 1919-1995
- **Folder 3:** "Yet Another Newsletter"
- **Folder 4:** "Wimmel at the 'Tute"
- **Folder 5:** Library Published Materials 1939-2006
- **Folder 6:** Library Published (Undated)
- **Folder 7:** RIT Published 1967-1988
- **Folder 8:** News clippings 1998-
- **Folder 9:** Sketches of Wallace Library logo "World Wide Wally" ca. 1995

Box 3: Library Information

- **Folder 1:** Book Counts & Budget 1944-1961
- **Folder 2:** Library Personnel, hours info 1967-2004
- **Folder 3:** Library Gifts & Endowment 1944-1975
- **Folder 4:** History of Libraries
- **Folder 5:** Pat Pitkin records
- **Folder 6:** Meeting Minutes (Various) 1947-1977
- **Folder 7:** Institute Faculty/Library Committee Report 1983
- **Folder 8:** Institute Faculty/Library Committee Report 1982
- **Folder 9:** Institute Faculty/Library Committee
- **Folder 10:** Administrative Committee & Circ. Services Minutes 1985/1986
- **Folder 11:** Building Committee Minutes
- **Folder 12:** Office of Computer Services, Library Information System
- **Folder 13:** Reports on Jobs in the Library
- **Folder 14:** Strategic Plan 2004
- **Folder 15:** Strategic Plan 2018

Box 4: Damaged Noted Campaign

- Damage Noted Guest Book
- **Folder 1:** Damage Noted Posters
- **Folder 2:** Vandalism Survey/Displays Preservation Committee
- **Folder 3:** Damage Noted Campaign
- **Folder 4:** Vandalism Survey (10/92)
- **Folder 5:** Vandalism Survey Answers
- **Folder 6:** Damaged Library Materials Listen Info

Box 5: Building & Addition

- Addition to Wallace Memorial Library Volume I – General Construction
- Addition to Wallace Memorial Library Volume II – Mechanical & Electrical
- Addendum No. 1
- **Folder 1:** Building Space Studies
- **Folder 2:** Building Plans
- **Folder 3:** Building Plans Text
- **Folder 4:** Building Materials
- **Folder 5:** Furniture
- **Folder 6:** Ground Breaking – Library Addition – October 17, 1988

- **Folder 7:** Department Services
- **Folder 8:** Wallace Memorial Library Dedications 1969-1991
- **Folder 9:** Master Plan
- **Folder 10:** Library Space
- **Folder 11:** Chemistry Library
- **Folder 12:** Evaluations
- **Folder 13:** Building Construction 1 of 2
- **Folder 14:** Building Construction 2 of 2
- **Folder 15:** Building Layout
- **Folder 16:** Library Renovations & Work Requests 1983-1984
- **Folder 17:** Vision & Mission Statements

Box 6: Ephemera

- **Folder 1:** Bookplates
- **Folder 2**
 - Balloon
 - Bag
 - News Clips
 - 'Do Not Disturb' Sign
 - 1977/1978 Calendars
 - Library Whiteboard & Marker
 - Small Brown Bag
- Buttons
 - "If All of RIT Read The Same Book"
 - "Go M.A.D.! Make A Difference"
 - "I Support Open Access"
 - "Reference is Cool"
 - "Wallace Library" Lightbulb pin
 - "Ask Me!"
 - "Food For Thought" June 14, 2007
 - "World At Your Fingertips WML"
 - "Team Library"
 - "Libraries...for fun and information"
 - "Google me! RIT DML"
- T-Shirt Designed by Bob Chandler "Wallypallooza" Dec. 2002
- Archives & Special Collections Dedication – Guest Book April 7, 1992
- Dedication Bookmarks
- Helicopter VHS – 10/28/90
- Addition + Renovation 1989 Slides
- Sketch of Addition
- Charles Frederick Wallace Award from New Jersey Inventors Hall of Fame
- RRLC Libraries of the Year – RIT Libraries – Academic, June 7, 2018 ceremony program

Box 7: 2018/2019 Additions

- Rochester Regional Library Council Academic Library of the Year award plaque, 2018

- Rochester Regional Library Council Academic Library of the Year Honorable Mention plaque, 2014
- Wallace Center Special Projects book, 2010
- “The Glory and The Freshness of a Dream: Envisioning the Future of an Academic Library at RIT” by David Pankow, April 2009
- Bookplates – RIT Libraries, Rochester Atheneum and Mechanics Institute, Wallace Memorial Library, various

On Shelf

- Award for 2006 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award
- Academic Library of the Year award – Rochester Regional Library Council, 2018
- Commendation from the State of New York, 2014