Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Los Angeles School Library Association Collection
Dates: 1915-1998
Identification: URB/LASLA
Creator: Los Angeles School Library Association
Physical Description: 4.16 linear feet
Repository: Urban Archives

Abstract: The Los Angeles School Library Association (LASLA) was established in 1914 as one of the earliest professional organizations dedicated to school librarianship in the United States. Its founding members held librarian positions with the Los Angeles City School District and helped form the California School Library Association. The collection predominantly consists of meeting materials and correspondence outlining LASLA’s activities from 1915-1998.

Historical Note:
The Los Angeles School Library Association (LASLA) was established in 1914 as the Association of City School Librarians. It was created by the librarians of the Los Angeles city school system, including Ella Morgan, California’s first school librarian. Predating the American Library Association's School Library Section as well as the California School Library Association, LASLA has inspired the formation of other professional organizations dedicated to excellence in school librarianship.

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Scope and Contents
The Los Angeles School Library Association Collection documents eight decades of the organization's activities beginning shortly after its inception in 1914. Primarily consisting of meeting materials and correspondence, the collection covers many topics including: membership rosters, dues, and association expenditures; social events and guest lecturers; educational requirements for Los Angeles City Schools; relations with the Los Angeles school board, superintendent, and teachers; best practices for course instruction and school library operations; and professional concerns regarding school librarian classification, certification, training, and compensation. The collection also includes bulletins and publications from affiliated professional organizations such as the American Library Association and the California Teachers Association. The collection provides unique insight into the formation of the California School Library Association (CSLA). Of particular interest is a 1915 draft of the CSLA Constitution. The collection dates from 1915-1998 and is arranged chronologically. The box list follows the original order and file naming conventions set out by the Los Angeles School Library Association.

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