Guide to the Alpine Library Association Records MS 235

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San Diego History Center Document Collection
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Title: Alpine Library Association Records
Identifier/Call Number: MS 235
Contributing Institution: San Diego History Center Document Collection
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.5 Linear feet (1 box)
Date (inclusive): 1900-1957
Abstract: This collection contains records of the Alpine Library Association, which established and operated the Alpine Public Library in the first half of the 1900s.

Biographical / Historical Notes
The Alpine Library Association was founded in October 1900. According to its Constitution, the purpose of the organization was to "establish a free public library and reading room in Alpine." For most of its life, the Association and the Alpine Public Library were housed in the Women’s Club in Alpine, where members met on a quarterly basis. To raise funds for the library and its collections, the Association put on events and solicited memberships, monetary and book donations. Prominent members included Beatrice La Force, who served as Secretary and Librarian, Commander Rudolph Oeser, who served as Treasurer, and Lawrence Wilber, who served as President in the 1940s and 1950s. The Association dissolved in 1957 when the Alpine Public Library was incorporated with the San Diego County Library.

This collection was donated by Beatrice La Force, who was an Alpine resident for most of her life. She was a historian and writer who wrote "Alpine, the History of a Mountain Community" in 1971, as well as several mysteries and novels in addition to writing for Woman’s Day and Reader’s Digest. She was also an award-winning playwright who directed the Alpine Players, an area theater group.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Many of the bound ledger pages are tearing away from their bindings. (November 23, 2011)

Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use
The San Diego History Center (SDHC) holds the copyright to any unpublished materials. SDHC Library regulations do apply.

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Comments
Items in folders 7-10 were originally contained in a binder, possibly created by Alpine Library Association. Items remain in original order.

Arrangement
Items arranged by subject, except items in folders 7-10 which are in original order.

Scope and Content
The collection contains items from the Alpine Library Association pertaining to the establishment and operations of the Alpine Public Library, including bound ledgers, record pages and loose items. Ledgers contain governance information such as the organization’s Constitution and By-Laws, membership information, and circulation laws. Record pages include meeting minutes, financial reports, and correspondence. Loose items include receipts, invoices, and outreach materials.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Alpine Library Association.
Alpine Public Library.
Darnell, R.W.
La Force, Beatrice, 1908-
McDonnell, F.R.
Oeser, Rudolph
Box-folder 1:1  "Alpine Public Library Association" - ledger, 1900-1937
  Includes:
  Constitution and By-Laws
  Officers
  Meeting minutes 1919-1937
  Donations log
  Membership lists

Box-folder 1:2  Alpine Library Association membership, 1935-1939
  Includes:
  Dues paid lists
  Paid member lists

Box-folder 1:3  "Alpine Library membership," 1912-1933
  Includes:
  Member lists
  Circulation logs

Box-folder 1:4  "Accession List Alpine Library Association," undated
Box-folder 1:5  "Accession Book Alpine Library,"
Box-folder 1:6  "Rules and Regulations Alpine Public Library," undated
  Includes:
  Rules and regulations of Alpine Public Library
  Lists of books sorted by genre

Box-folder 1:7  "Alpine Library Business Meeting Reports," 1937 July 3-1950 April 1
  Includes:
  Meeting minutes
  Treasurer's reports
  Correspondence regarding donations and performance event
  Statement of receipts from performance event

Box-folder 1:8  Alpine Library Association records, 1949 January 9-1955 April 2
  Includes:
  Information about library’s 50th anniversary commemoration
  Correspondence regarding Association news, donations, collections
  Meeting minutes
  Treasurer’s reports
  Financial statement from performance event
Box-folder 1:9  
**Alpine Library Association records, 1949 December 28-1957 April 2 and undated**

  Includes:
  
  Meeting minutes
  
  Correspondence regarding dissolution of Association, donations, event information, Association news
  
  Treasurer’s reports
  
  Lists of names
  
  Bindery information
  
  Tax information

Box-folder 1:10  
**Alpine Library Association miscellanea, 1921 April 23-1955 June 7 and undated**

  Includes:
  
  Receipts and invoices
  
  Invoice from State of California (in Oversize Collections D4)
  
  Outreach postcards
  
  Bindery orders
  
  Correspondence