
Finding aid for the Floyd R. Erickson Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Floyd R. Erickson papers

Dates: 1959-2001

Collection number: Col-15

Creator: Erickson, Floyd R.

Collection Size: 1.5 cubic feet

Repository: California State University, East Bay. University Archives
Hayward, California 94542

Abstract: The Floyd Erickson Papers collection contains professional and personal correspondence concerning Floyd Erickson, the first University Librarian.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Records were transferred by the Office of the University Librarian.

Processing Information

Originally process by Lucielle Klovdahl (date unknown); collection rehoused and finding aid created by Collin Thorman, 2011.

Biography

Appointed to the position of University Librarian in 1959 by Fred Harclerod, Floyd R. Erickson received his Bachelor of Education from the State Teachers College in Wisconsin, a Bachelor of Science in Library Science from the University of Minnesota, and his M.A. from Long Beach State College. During his first year as University librarian, he organized the acquisition of 5,700 volumes with a staff of approximately four people. He corresponded closely with many State College librarians, public libraries, and political figures (notably, Congressman George P. Miller) to acquire materials for student and faculty use. Throughout his 21-year tenure as University Librarian, Erickson saw the Library shift from a small office at Sunset High School, to a locker room at the Hayward Union High School building, to a small room in the Science Building, to its current location at the California State University, East Bay Hayward Campus. He also developed a strong connection with Henry Evans, a printer whose artwork has been displayed in the Library for many years. In 1980 he retired and was

succeeded by Melissa Rose as the University Librarian and passed away on January 24, 2008.

1940 Bachelor of Education at State Teachers College, Superior, Wisconsin
1946 Bachelor of Library Science at University of Minnesota
1958 M.A. Long Beach State College
1959 Appointed University Librarian for Alameda County State College
1980 Retired from California State College at Hayward; awarded emeritus status
2008 Passed away on January 24

Scope and Content of Collection

The Floyd R. Erickson Papers collection contains professional and personal correspondence during Erickson's tenure as University Librarian. Correspondence with various university officials and congresspersons is included and discusses various aspects of administering the University Library. Also included is personal correspondence, primarily with the artist, Henry Evans.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series by type, and within the series by chronology: Series 1: Professional Correspondence, Series 2: Personal Correspondence.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

California State University, East Bay

Academic library directors

Evans, Henry Herman, 1918-1990

Bibliography

California State University at Hayward Catalog, 1980. (Hayward, CA: California State University, Hayward, 1980).

Related Material

Fred Harclerod Papers (Collection 12)

Box: 1-2

Series 1. Professional correspondence 1959-1980

Physical Description: 0.8 cubic feet (2 letter sized boxes)

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series comprises Floyd R. Erickson's professional correspondence, both incoming and outgoing, during his tenure as University Librarian for California State University at Hayward. Of note are the particular lengths to which Erickson went to procure a copy of *The Viking Ship* in 1965, as well as his correspondence with various other universities and congresspersons.

Box 1

Professional correspondence 1959-1972

Box 2

Professional correspondence 1972-1980

Box: 3-4

Series 2. Personal correspondence 1966-2001 1971-1979

Physical Description: 0.7 cubic feet (1 legal size box, 1 half-size box)

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains Floyd R. Erickson's personal correspondence, primarily with Henry Evans. It contains letters from Evans as well as assorted postcards. Of note is the signed print from Henry Evans which came with an invitation to an exhibition preview in 1966.

Arrangement

Chronological.

Box 3

Personal correspondence 1966-2001

Box 4

Personal correspondence 1966
