Gay Library Project records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Gay Library Project records
Dates: 1981-1983
Collection Number: 1998-12
Creator/Collector:
Extent: .2 linear feet (1 box)
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: The bulk of the collection is the operating policies of the library which lists scope of materials, gifts and exchanges. Also included in the records are minutes, letters and funding sources.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research. Funding for processing this collection was provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).
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Biography/Administrative History
The idea of creating a library of homosexual reading material and resources started in 1977 with a group of people, including Terry Mangan who wanted the public to have access to a collection documenting the homosexual experience. With the death of Mangan, Harvey Milk took over in 1978 and with his assassination Charles Gilman organized a meeting. Funds were made available by the San Francisco Public Library to establish a gay section in the Eureka Valley branch.
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection contains records of the Gay Library project, an effort to form a gay and lesbian library in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The Gay Library Project Records document the Project’s system of operation, membership, and board of directors. The classifications folder has subject headings of gay material and a subject classification system for gay history (i.e. sex clubs, drag balls, theater, gay children). The bulk of the collection is the Operating policies of the library which lists scope of materials, gifts and exchanges. Also included in the records are minutes, letters and funding sources.
Indexing Terms
Literature
Gay Library Project Container List