

BOYS AND GIRLS HOUSE ARCHIVES

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Boys and Girls House Archives. – 1911 - 1999. – 17.5m of textual records and other materials.

Administrative history: In 1908 George H. Locke became the Toronto Public Library's second chief librarian, succeeding Dr. James Bain. One of his first priorities was to establish separate rooms for "ladies and children" within the public library branches, and in 1909 a Children's Room was opened in the College Street Branch. In 1912 Mr. Locke and the Board of the Toronto Public Library hired Lillian H. Smith, a Canadian graduate of the Carnegie Library School in Pittsburgh, to administrate the fledgling children's services work. In 1922 the Library purchased the Merritt property at 40 St. George Street, adjacent to the Reference Library, and Boys and Girls House became the only exclusive library for children in the British Empire.

1926 saw the co-operative experiment between the Board of Education and the Public Library Board with the opening of the first school library. The first publication of *Books for Boys and Girls* was in 1927 and in 1928 a Little Theatre and Story Hour Room was constructed at the back of Boys and Girls House to help accommodate the large number of children who used the library. The room also housed a collection of books for parents and teachers. Children's broadcasting began in 1944, with librarians from Boys and Girls Division telling stories over the radio.

In 1949, Mr. Edgar Osborne gave his collection of early children's books to the Toronto Public Library as a personal tribute to Lillian H. Smith, and a further addition was made to the back of Boys and Girls House. The first Head of the Osborne Collection was Sheila Egoff, followed in 1952 by Judith St. John who remained in this position until 1979 and edited the two volumes of the Osborne Catalogue. In 1952 Miss Smith retired after nearly 40 years of service and was succeeded by Jean Thomson. The first Catalogue of the Osborne Collection of Early Children's Books was published in 1958 and the next year an exhibit of 300 books from the collection was displayed at the Reference Library.

1961 saw the first John Masefield Story-Telling Festival, funded by the poet-laureate to stimulate interest in story-telling. Also in this year the first television programming was prepared by the staff of Boys and Girls Division. In 1962 the Lillian H. Smith Collection of Children's Books was established and the next year the original Boys and Girls House was demolished to make room for a larger, safer structure at the same address, opening in 1964. In 1965 a Colloquium on Children's Literature held in Toronto gave rise to the Friends of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Collections. In 1967 the Metropolitan Toronto Library Board replaced the Central Library Division and numerous changes in management and bibliographic control resulted. At the Boys and Girls House Margaret Maloney was appointed Head of the Osborne Collection when Miss St. John retired in 1979. During her tenure the St. George Street location was deemed insufficient for the heavy use of the general and special collections housed there, and plans for a new building began. Finally, in 1996, the Lillian H. Smith Branch opened its doors around the corner at 239 College Street, with appropriate housing for the Osborne Collection, the Merrill Collection of Science Fiction, and a community branch with children's programming.

Scope and content: Fonds contains the administrative files of the former Boys and Girls House that were moved to the new building and deposited in the Osborne Collection stacks. Material from the Boys and Girls Division, including a few books of statistics and day books from various branches, have survived. Other material in this fonds includes correspondence, reports and other administrative papers, clippings relating to the library and its collections, report books containing statistical information, guest books, day books and story books. A microfilm version of the Osborne Catalogue is included, as well as VHS cassette tapes with programs relating to the Osborne Collection. Background material to the writing and publishing of the Osborne Catalogues and the reprint programs at the Osborne Collection are present, including research notes, early drafts, proofs and galleys.

A file list created in 1986 was discovered in the boxes and it was possible to recreate this sequence almost in its entirety. A run of “Boys and Girls House Subscription Reviews”, written and published by staff, has not been located and a few individual files are missing, but the sequence has been recovered almost entirely and forms Series 1 of this finding aid. The remaining files were unordered and have been arranged in an alphabetical sequence as Series 2. Files that pertain to the Toronto Public Library’s Boys and Girls Division have been grouped together under the Toronto Public Library to separate them from files that originated in Boys and Girls House. Material relating to the Osborne Collection forms Series 3, with an emphasis on the many publications originating at the Collection. Series 4 contains material relating to Edgar Osborne, including a scrapbook, a manuscript written by his first wife, Mabel Jacobson recounting her acting days in a traveling theatre company, a stamp collection, and his correspondence with authors and booksellers. Series 5 contains storytelling and manuscript files created by Helen Armstrong, long-time employee of the Library and a lecturer at the Faculty of Library Science at the University of Toronto. Finally, Series 6 contains photographic material found in boxes in the stacks, documenting the early days of the Boys and Girls House through events in the new building.

Published accounts of Boys and Girls Services at the Toronto Public Library, and the Osborne Collection, can be found in the following sources:

Penman, Margaret. *A century of service: Toronto Public Library 1883-1983*. Toronto Public Library, 1983

Twenty friendly years: 1966-1986; chronicle of the Osborne Collection. Toronto Public Library, 1986.

Sheffrin, Jill and Dana Tenny. *Legacy of an indomitable spirit: 75 years of children’s services in the Toronto Public Library, an exhibition from the Lillian H. Smith Collection*. Toronto Public Library, 1987.

McGrath, Leslie. *A handbook to the Osborne Collection*. Children’s Books History Society, November 1999.

SERIES 1: 1986 FILE LISTING

Dates of creation: 1921-1986

Physical description: 2.5m of textual records

Scope and content: Series consists of textual records arranged in files listed by filing cabinet and recorded in July 1986. Files names have been reproduced on acid-free folders as they originally appeared. When there is a discrepancy between the dates on the list and the dates in the file, the dates on the list are considered part of the file name, and the actual dates are placed in the start and end date columns.

Note: Series 1 is organized by location in storage.

Wooden Cabinet (8200) – File Drawer 1		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Annual reports 1956 (reports form heads of Boys & Girls services to Miss Thompson)	1956	1.1
Annual reports 1953	1953	1.2
Young Canada's Book Week	1956	1.3
Book Fair 1938	1938	1.4
Book Fair 1937	1937	1.5
Book Week 1955	1955	1.6
Book Week 1954	1954	1.7
Book Week 1949	1949	1.8
Book Week 1948	1948	2.1
Book Week 1948 (2)	1948	2.2
Book Weeks 1921-52	1921-1952	2.3

Wooden Cabinet (8200) – File Drawer 2

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Bethnal Green, gift	1947	2.4
Book lists – social studies		2.5
Book lists, published – American	1941 - 1955	2.6
Book lists, published – British (includes Children’s Booklist by A.A. Milne)	1935 - 1953	2.7
Book lists, published – Canadian (other than TPL)	1950 - 1958	2.8
Books for Boys and Girls, supplements	1939 - 1954	2.9
Brussels Exhibition	1958	2.10
Book lists – TPL	1924 - 1967	3.1
CACL [Canadian Association of Children’s Libraries], presentation volume – “Lillian H. Smith – A Tribute from the CACL”	1952	3.2
Canadian Council of Education for Citizenship	1941	3.3
Children’s Art Centre	1942 - 1944	3.4
Cuckoo Clock House (CBC Radio series)	1957 - 1959	3.5
Friendly Giant – books used	1968	3.6
Hart House Library for English Evacuees	1940	3.7
Holland, gift 1950-1953	1947 - 1953	3.8
International Bureau of Education, correspondence	1948 - 1954	3.9
Invitations and notices	[195-] - 1979	3.10
Junior League	1947 - 1954	3.11
Metropolitan Church – Community House, TPL Deposit Collection	1947 – 1948	3.12
Ontario Federation of Home and School	1945 – 1947	3.13
Young Canada Listens – CBC school broadcasts	1942 – 1957	3.14

Wooden Cabinet (8200) – File Drawer 3

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Miss Thompson – Canadian Library Association	1958	4.1
ALA – CLA (minutes, newsletters, etc)	1954 - 1958	4.2
ALA Booklist	1954 - 1955	4.3
ALA – Book Evaluation Committee	1956 - 1957	4.4
ALA-DLCYP (Division of Libraries for Children and Young People) – minutes, Correspondences, releases	1953 - 1956	4.5
ALA – International Relations Committee – correspondence, releases	1938 - 1954	4.6
ALA - correspondence	1951 - 1955	4.7
ALA – Larrick, A Parent’s Guide to Children’s Reading	1958	4.8
ALA – Newbery-Caldecott Award	1954 - 1958	4.9
ALA – Standards for public libraries	1956	4.10
ALA – Top of the News, correspondence	1954 - 1958	4.11
ALA Council – minutes and conference materials	1958	5.1
ALA Council – conference materials	1957	5.2
ALA Executive Board – conference materials	1957	5.3
ALA Council releases – correspondence	1955 - 1958	5.4
CLA-CACL – correspondence	1947 - 1957	5.4
ALA International Committee – correspondence	1933 - 1934	6.1
ALA International Committee – correspondence	1930 - 1932	6.2
ALA International Committee – correspondence	1940	6.3
ALA International Committee – correspondence	1941	6.4
ALA International Committee – correspondence	1939 - 1940	6.5
ALA International Committee – correspondence	1947 - 1938	6.6

Wooden Cabinet (8200) – File Drawer 3

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
[ALA – Section for Library Work with Children]	1937	6.7
[ALA – Section for Library Work with Children (Jean Thompson)]	1938	6.8
[ALA – Section for Library Work with Children]	1939	6.9
[ALA - Section for Library Work with Children]	1935	6.10
[ALA – Section for Library Work with Children]	1934	6.11
[ALA – Section for Library Work with Children]	1936	6.12
[ALA – correspondence on International Project]	1934 - 1937	6.13
ALA – International Committee, Section for Library Work with Children	1934 - 1935	6.14
[ALA]	1936 - 1937	6.15

Wooden Cabinet (8200) – File Drawer 4

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Radio stories – miscellaneous [Cuckoo Clock House]	1956	7.1
Radio – Theatre of Democracy	[195-?]	7.2
Radio – Dept. of Ed. School broadcasts – Tales from far and near – suggestions	1940 - 1942	7.3
Radio - Stories for you	1945 - 1946	7.4
Radio – Stories for you	1946 - 1947	7.5
Radio – Dept. of Ed. School Board broadcasts – Junior story period	1946	7.6
Radio – Dept. of Ed. School Board broadcasts – Junior story period	1947	7.7
Radio – Dept. of Ed. School Board broadcasts – Junior story period	1950	7.8
Radio – Dept. of Ed. School broadcasts – Tales from far and near (scripts)	1941 - 1944	8.1
Radio – Dept. of Ed. School broadcasts – correspondence	1941 - 1955	8.2
Radio – Dept. of Ed. School broadcasts – Junior story period	1944	8.3
Radio – Dept. of Ed. School broadcasts – Junior story period	1945	8.4
Radio – Books and Us (scripts and bookmarks)	[194-]	8.5
Radio – Community Welfare Council broadcasts – correspondence	1939	8.6
Radio – Community Welfare Council broadcasts – “Barnaby Lee” (script)	1939	8.7
Radio – Community Welfare Council broadcasts – “Five children and it” and “Treasure Seekers”		8.8
Radio – Community Welfare Council broadcasts – “Swallowdale’ and Swallows and Amazons” (scripts)	1939	8.9

Green Metal Filing Cabinet (8199) – File Drawer 1

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Correspondence – Misc. Margaret Johnston	1975 - 1982	9.1
Circulation statistics records	1951 - 1964	9.2
Cycle story hours	1941 - 1957	9.3
Foreign literature – boys and girls	1973 - 1974	9.4
Young Canada's Book Week	1960	9.5
Information Systems Committee	1962 - 1965	9.6
Dr. Sanderson, clippings	1956	9.7
Reference books	1962	9.8
Book lists – 50 books no child should miss	1948 - 1959	9.9
Awards, 1956-1963	1959 - 1964	9.10
ALA-CLA Joint Committee (correspondence)	1959 - 1965	9.11
ALA-CLA Awards banquet (Montreal)	1960	9.12
Lillian H. Smith tribute from CACL	1952	9.13
Books lists – prepared at B & G House or by TPL 1958-1978	1959 - 1970	10.1
Lists made at Boys & Girls House 1957-1965	1955 - 1966	10.2
Articles on Canadiana	1960 - 1965	10.3
ALA – M. Johnston	1975 - 1976	10.4
Book lists – Canadiana	1950 - 1956	10.5
Miss Cooke's party	1979	10.6
Townsend, John Rowe [visit]	1971	10.7
Stories, music and games	1979	10.8
Beatrix Potter program	1977	10.9

Green Metal Filing Cabinet (8199) – File Drawer 1

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Pre-school workshop	1977	10.10
British paperback display	1974	10.11
Osborne visit	1965	10.12
‘Children’s Books in French’ exhibit	1974 - 1975	11.1
Hurlimann, Mrs. Bettina – lecture	1973	11.2
Dennis Lee party	1974	11.3
Correspondence	1973 - 1976	11.4
Boys and Girls House floor plan	1976	11.5
International seminar on boys and girls work [IFLA committee, draft of paper]	1964 - 1965	11.6
New CR [Children’s Room?] (Opening B&G extension)	1951	11.7
Lists printed TPL 1936-64	1929 - 1965	11.8
Tales [past] for time present – Fall workshop	1978	11.9

Green Metal Filing Cabinet (8199) – File Drawer 2

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Patofun Patof raconte Cuisinon avec Patof Record: Lyadov/Rachmaninov Book list for Young Canada's Book Week, 1971 (flyer) Third John Masefield Story-telling Festival (flyer) "The Library and Museum of the Performing Arts", New York Public Library at Lincoln Centre "Black America: a selected list of recent books" 'Emergency Librarian', Vol. 2 No. 2 "Women: a selected and annotated bibliography" Story-telling at Boys and Girls House, a tribute to Jean Thompson (brochure) The Second John Masefield Store-telling Festival (brochure)	1971 - 1975	12.1
Black World [book lists]	[197-]	12.2
Correspondence (miscellaneous) 1974	1973 - 1976	12.3
Books for Little Children	1972 - 1973	12.4
Pamphlets and clippings, including: "Pigs and more pigs, a multi-media bibliography..." compiled by Mary Lee Van Poorten, "Come with us to Toronto: Boys and Girls House" by M. Bagshaw & J. St. John, "Through the Looking Glass" by David McFadden, "Preserving the best traditions" by Michael Heltine, "Libraries refused equalizing funds"	1967 - 1976	12.5

Filing Cabinet (8198) – File Drawer 1

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Amsterdam	1975	13.1
Beatrix Potter evenings	1966	13.2
Book lists prepared at office (mimeo)	1960 - 1966	13.3
Book lists prepared elsewhere	1960 - 1966	13.4
Book lists, series, etc.	1967	13.5
Books for Boys and Girls (1940) – clippings	1926 - 1950	13.6
Books for Boys and Girls – new edition	1958 - 1966	13.7
Books for Boys and Girls – contents, illustrations, etc. 1966	1954 - 1972	13.8
Book lists – 50 books 1927-1971	1960 - 1973	13.9
Authors, artists 1966-73	1968 - 1974	13.10
Annual report	1966	13.11
Awards – children’s literature	1961 - 1968	13.12
ALA children’s coordinators	1974	13.13
Activities (children’s) [Jones pilot project for library programs in Toronto parks]		13.14
Arbuthnot lectures	1970 - 1972	13.15
A.V.T. (Audio Visual Training)	1973	13.16
A.V. (script) Audio Visual	1970	13.17
Articles, reviews on children’s books & reading	1954 - 1965	13.18
Books for little children	1967	13.19
Canadian materials report	1974	14.1
Canadian poetry anthology	1964 - 1967	14.2
Canadian reading lists	1941 - 1962	14.3

Filing Cabinet (8198) – File Drawer 1

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Canada Council	1972 - 1974	14.4
Canadiana lists	1966	14.5
Children's literature – Separate Schools	1961	14.6
Canadiana [Collection] 1971-1974	1955 - 1976	14.7
Canadian illustrators	1972	14.8
City planning	1957 - 1960	14.9
Class visits	1969	14.10
Classification – B & G Division	1965	14.11
CLA	1975	15.1
Canadian materials	1975	15.2
Canadian lists	1973 - 1974	15.3
Channel 19	1975	15.4
Children's Book Council	1970	15.5
Children's writing	1973	15.6
Colloquium [on children's book collecting]	1965	15.7
Community Centres and playgrounds	1971	15.8
Community services	1971 - 1972	15.9
Complaints	1972	15.10
Confidential	1973	15.11
Correspondence	1973	15.12
Correspondence – Arbuthnot lectures	1971 - 1973	15.13

Filing Cabinet (8198) – File Drawer 2

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Day care correspondence and lists	1945 - 1947	16.1
District libraries	1968 - 1974	16.2
Eglinton District Library	1972 - 1975	16.3
East end	1974	16.4
Easy reading books	1969	16.5
Egoff, Sheila	1966 - 1972	16.6
Federal aid	1962	16.7
Forest Hill	1974 - 1975	16.8
Les fleurs de la lune	1968	16.9
Foreign literature	1967	16.10
Foster, John	1972 - 1974	16.11
French reading lists	1963 - 1967	16.12
French language children's books	1972 - 1975	16.13
Friends of the OC & LHS Collections	1963 - 1974	16.14
Globe and Mail	1967 - 1972	16.15
Goals and objectives	1966	16.16
Hans Christian Andersen Award	1971	16.17
Hall-Dennis Report	1969	16.18
M. Holt – Canadiana		16.19
Housing Development – libraries	1970	16.20
Hurlimann, Bettina – “Three Centuries”	1967	16.21
IBBY	1974	16.22

Filing Cabinet (8198) – File Drawer 2

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
IFLA Storytelling Festival	1967	16.23
Illustrators	1972 - 1974	17.1
In-service training	1975	17.2
Internes	1971	17.3
Information Centre on Children's Cultures [UNICEF]	1971	17.4
Invitations	1951 - 1986	17.5
Japan	1971 - 1975	17.6
Johnson reprints	1969	17.7
Joint Committee – Bd. Of Educ. & TPL	1967	17.8
Kloeke, S.	1965	17.9
Lake Erie Regional Library System	1967	17.10
Large libraries	1970 - 1973	17.11
LA-I [Library Assistant-I]	1975	17.12
Library-on-Wheels	1975	17.13
Lillian H. Smith and related collections	1962	17.14
LIP (Local Initiatives Program) and OFY (Opportunities for Youth) and Kids Can Press	1974	17.15
The Lively Art of Picture Books	1964	17.16
Loughborough Summer School	1969	17.17
LHS Branch order list	1972	17.18
Management [conference – speech]	[196-?]	17.19
John Masefield storytelling festivals	1972	17.20
Metro	1972 - 1975	17.21

Filing Cabinet (8198) – File Drawer 2

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Native Peoples	1974	17.22
Negro life, history and culture (list)	1967	17.23
Newbery-Caldecott Committee	1968 - 1969	17.24
Newspaper clippings	1963 - 1964	17.25
Non-book materials	1971	17.26
Other libraries	1975	17.27
Oxfam	[197-]	17.28
Paper books	1973	17.29
Penny Theatres	1973	17.30
Periodicals	1975	17.31
Play index	1972	17.32
Pop culture	1973	17.33
READ (Reading Education Assessment & Development)	1974	17.34
Sexism	1973 - 1975	17.35
Statistics (circulation)	1974	17.36
Toronto waterfront	1972 - 1974	17.37

Filing Cabinet (8198) – File Drawer 3		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Ofek, Uriel	1959 - 1964	18.1
Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Collections	1972 - 1974	18.2
Parkdale [branch]	1962 - 1970	18.3
Parliament Street Branch	1967	18.4
Pre-school programmes	1961 - 1970	18.5
Portuguese books	1969	18.6
Professional literature (list)	[196-] - 1976	18.7
Toronto Guild of Puppets	1965 - 1968	18.8
Puppet Festival Christmas	1972	18.9
Reports and briefs	1968 - 1971	18.10
Requests, lists, etc.	1974 - 1975	18.11
A Survey of libraries in the Province of Ontario	1965	18.12
C.R. Sanderson [branch]	1968 - 1969	18.13
St. Clements [school]	1969	18.14
St. Thomas Public Library	1969	19.1
Sierra Leone (donation of children's books)	1967	19.2
Staff meetings – papers given (Miss Thomson)	[195-] - [196-]	19.3
Staff training courses – puppets, book presentation, etc.	1963 - 1964	19.4
Storytelling (list of children's books)	1963 - 1964	19.5
Subscription reviews (correspondence)	1965 - 1970	19.6
Survey – Boys & Girls Division	1964	19.7
Library service – survey	1963	19.8

Filing Cabinet (8198) – File Drawer 3

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Story cycle [Jones Branch]	1973	19.9
Sunday School stories and lists	1961 - 1964	19.10
Swansea [branch]	1965 - 1969	19.11
Jean Thomson (photo)		19.12
TPL – 75 Years	1959	19.13
Wertheimer Training Courses	1965	19.14
West End Regional	1967	19.15
Writers and illustrators articles, etc.	1958 - 1971	19.16
Book selection – B & G	1969	19.17
Brief to the Prime Minister of Ontario, May 14	1970	19.18

SERIES 2: OTHER BOYS AND GIRLS HOUSE FILES

Dates of creation: 1911-1996

Physical description: 8.2 m of textual records, a stamp collection, a linocut wood block and architectural plans.

Scope and content: Series consists of files and loose material boxed and stored in the Osborne Collections since the move from Boys and Girls House on St. George Street. Textual material includes reports, correspondence, internal memos and clippings. There is a large body of material relating to the physical buildings, including the original house, the 1964 structure, and the College Street building. Administrative files relating to the larger structure of the Toronto Public Library and the Metropolitan Toronto Library Board form part of this series. A box of correspondence from well-known people in the field of children's literature, including authors, editors and librarians was already removed from its original context and has been retained as a collection of celebrity letters. Material relating to Helen Stubbs and the lecture she endowed is also contained in this series. Long associated with the Osborne Collection they are in fact a Toronto Public Library event and are included here.

The files were initially arranged by the archivist in an alphabetical sequence then divided into separate tables based on content when relevant or necessary for formatting.

Alphabetical Files A - B		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Alexandra, Princess, HRH – visit	1966 - 1967	20.1
Alexandra, Princess, HRH – visit	1980	20.2
Alexandra, Princess, HRH – correspondence	1969 - 1992	20.3
American Libraries Association – Ad hoc Committee, Children's coordinators of large public libraries (Margaret Johnson)	1974 - 1975	20.4
American Libraries Association – Visitors to the Boys and Girls House (book and framed letter)	1927	Oversize Box 1
American Libraries Association – Committee reports and correspondence	1966 - 1976	20.5
Annual reports – 1940's	1943 - 1949	20.6
Annual Reports – 1950's	1951 - 1959	20.7
Annual Reports – 1960's	1960 - 1965	20.8
Annual Reports – 1970's	1970 - 1979	21.1
Annual Reports – 1980's	1981 - 1982	21.2
Annual Reports – partial and undated		21.3

Alphabetical Files A - B		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Articles – “Books for British Children in Canada” by Frances Trotter & Sadie Jordan	[194-?]	21.4
Articles – “A Peep at the Esquimaux” by Lillian H. Smith	1965	21.5
Articles and speeches (1)	1951 - 1978	21.6
Articles and speeches (2)	1962 - 1975	21.7
Articles and speeches (3)	1958 - 1972	21.8
Articles by staff (1)	1958 - 1970	22.1
Articles by staff (2)	1961 - 1974	22.2
Arts and Letters Club – correspondence	1963 - 1966	22.3
Biennale of Illustrations, Bratislava	1975	22.4
Book plates		22.5
Book replacement program – Report	1966	22.6
Book selection for languages other than English	1975	22.7
Borrower complaints – intellectual freedom issues	1986	22.8
Boys and Girls House, 40 St. George Street	1912 - 1978	22.9
Boys and Girls House – sketches of children & programs (by Janet Murray Kenny?)		22.10
Boys and Girls House – opening	1922	22.11
Boys and Girls House – original fireplace, research	1995	22.12
Boys and Girls House – 1951 addition	1951	22.13
Boys and Girls House – new building	1964 - 1975	22.14
Boys and Girls House – new building – architectural plans	1963 - 1964	Folio art drawer
Boys and Girls House – new building – letter from Prince Philip (framed)	1964	Oversize box 2
Boys and Girls House – 50 th Anniversary	1972	22.15
Boys and Girls House, 40 St. George Street – new building – architect’s award	1983	22.16

Boys and Girls House, 40 St. George Street Building Renovations

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Boys and Girls House, 40 St. George Street – Building renovations (old file)	1976 - 1984	22.17
Renovations – publicity	1980 - 1989	23.1
Renovations – TPL memos, Board minutes, etc.	1981	23.2
Renovations – Feasibility Study	1981	23.3
Renovations – Committee meetings	1982 - 1983	23.4
Renovations – Plans	1982 - 1988	23.5
Renovations – Confidential	1982 - 1991	23.6
Renovations – Architects – Memos to/from	1982 - 1993	24.1
Renovations – suggestions	1984 - 1988	24.2
Renovations – TPL reports	1986 - 1992	24.3
Renovations – Space requirements, working documents	1987 - 1989	24.4
Renovations – Duplicate and unsorted material	1989 - 1990	24.5
Renovations – TPL memos, Board minutes, etc.	1989 - 1991	24.6
Building Committee	1981 - 1987	25.1
Building Committee	1982 - 1994	25.2
Building Committee	1985 - 1995	25.3
Building Committee	1988 - 1993	25.4
Building Committee – minutes	1989 - 1990	25.5
239 College Street – architectural plans	1989 - 1990	26.1
239 College Street – building plans (blueprints)	1990 - 1994	Folio drawer
239 College Street – building plans (blueprints removed)	1994 - 1995	26.2
239 College Street – preliminary design	1990	26.3
239 College Street – exhibition case design	1987 - 1996	26.4
239 College Street – Canadian Conservation Institute information	1988 - 1990	26.5
St. George Library – final design report	1990	26.6
St. George Library – conservation, furniture	1990 - 1993	26.7
Implementation Committee – background	1989 - 1994	26.8

Boys and Girls House, 40 St. George Street Building Renovations

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Implementation Committee – documents	1994	26.9
Implementation Committee – minutes, notes, etc.,	1995	26.10
Implementation Committee – moving plan	1991 - 1994	26.11
Implementation Committee – filing	1993 - 1995	26.12
Implementation Committee – literature	1992 - 1996	27.1
Implementation Committee – Book prog. Drafts	1993 - 1994	27.2
Implementation Committee – File 1- move to LHS	1995	27.3
Implementation Committee - File 2 – move to LHS	1994 - 1995	27.4
Implementation Committee – File 3	1993 - 1994	27.5
Implementation Committee – File 4	1994 - 1995	27.6
Implementation Committee – File 5	1990 - 1994	27.7
Implementation Committee – File 6	1992 - 1994	27.8
Implementation Committee – File 7	1994	27.9
Implementation Committee – File 8	1994 - 1995	27.10

Alphabetical Files C - J (except Correspondence)		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Campbell, Harry	1978	28.1
Canadian Association of Children's Librarians	1964 - 1974	28.2
Canadian Library Association – article	1955	28.3
Canadian Research Society for Children's Literature (CRSCL)	1979 - 1985	28.4
Canadians	1965 - 1974	28.5
Children's Literature New England	1987 - 1997	28.6
Christmas card designs	1930 - 1956	28.7
Christmas card – linocut block		Oversize box 2
Christmas cards received	[196-] - [197-]	28.8
Christmas programs	1994 - [199-]	28.9
Citizen's Advisory Committee	1977 - 1980	28.10
Clippings (1)	1925 - 1936	29.1
Clippings (2)	1942 - 1948	29.2
Clippings (3)	1950 - 1959	29.3
Clippings (4)	1960 - 1968	29.4
Clippings (5)	1968 - 1980	29.5
Clippings (6)	1981 - 1994	29.6
Clippings (7) – undated	[195-?] - [197-?]	29.7
Clippings (8) – oversized		Oversize box 1
Clippings – scrapbook	1934 - 1976	Oversize box 3
Clippings – library topics	[196-] - [197-]	29.8
Collection Development Policy (schedules, financial assessments, memos)	1979 - 1986	29.9
Collection Development Policy	1977 - 1993	29.10
Colloquium on Children's Book Collecting – correspondence	1965	29.11
----- Staff meetings	Sept 28 1965 - Oct 1 1965	29.12
Displays – special collections	1990	31.6

Alphabetical Files C - J (except Correspondence)		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Donors	1963 - 1966	31.7
Echoes – draft articles and clippings	1939 - 1964	31.8
Etobicoke Public Library – workshop	1976	31.9
Film: “The Big Day” – 2 VHS videotapes, one in English, the other in Japanese		Oversize box 6
Film: “The Big Day”, script	[198-]	31.10
Film reviews	[1976?]	31.11
Friends of Boys and Girls House	1977 - 1979	31.12
Hospital for Sick Children	1970 - 1992	31.13
Hospital for Sick Children	1984 - 1995	31.14
IFLA and IBBY	1960 - 1967	32.1
International Year of the Child	1978 - 1979	32.2
International Year of the Child - Ruth Osler	1979	32.3
Invitations – sent to Boys and Girls House	1932 - 1988	32.4
Invitations – from Boys and Girls House	1964 - 1995	32.5
Ishii, Momoko – correspondence	1961 - 1964	32.6
Japan – Prof. Yoshida	1972	32.7

Correspondence		
File Name	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
John Bennett	1937	30.1
Ann Blades	1980	30.2
Hazel Boswell	1939 - 1967	30.3
Katharine M. Briggs	1963 - 1977	30.4
Leslie L. Brooke	1930	30.5
Susan (Mrs. John) Buchan	[193-]	30.6
Virginia Lee Burton Demetrios	1943	30.7
Joan Butler	1970 - 1975	30.8
Elizabeth Cleaver	1969 - 1973	30.9
Arthur L. Dawe	1959 - 1962	30.10
L.T. Dow [Larry Lawrence]	1955	30.11
Mabel Dunham	1947 - 1949	30.12
Eleanor and Rice Estes	1956 - 1958	30.13
Rose Fyleman		30.14
Paul Galdone	1964 - 1985	30.15
Margaret Bloy Graham	1971 - 1981	30.16
C.S. Lewis	1958	30.17
Roderick Haig-Brown	1947 - 1962	30.18
Harold Jones	1964	30.19
Lewis, Josephine [found in a copy of 'Santa Claus & Jack Frost']	1946	30.40
Leslie Linder	1967	30.20
Thoreau MacDonald	1974	30.21
John Masfield	1958	30.22
Francis Meynell	1967	30.23
Maud Petersham	1948	30.24
Rhoda Power	[195-?]	30.25
Dorothy Reid	1972	30.26
Arthur and Eugenia (including 4 photographs)	1934 - 1967	30.27
Sydney Roscoe	1961 - 1976	30.28

Correspondence

File Name	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Marshall Saunders	[194-?]	30.29
Ernest Thompson Seton	1926	30.30
John M. Shaw	1965 - 1982	30.31
Louis Slobodkin	1963	30.32
Noel Streatfield	1965	30.33
Dora O. Thompson	[192-]	30.34
J.R.R. Tolkien	1967	30.35
re P.L. Travers Collection	1965 - 1976	30.36
Elizabeth Gray Vining	1943	30.37
George Whalley	1948	30.38
Clifford P. Wilson	1941	30.39
General (1950's and 1960's)	[195-] - [196-]	31.1
Internal	1960 - 1976	31.2
Internal	1991 - 1992	31.3
General (1970's)	1970 - 1981	31.4
Thank you letters from children	1968 - 1984	31.5

Alphabetical Files L - R		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Lecture	1932	32.8
Librarians	1962 - 1994	32.9
Little Theatre	1930	32.10
Locke, George H. – tribute and scholarship fund		32.11
Metropolitan Toronto Library Board, Publications: Annual reports – 1973, 1977, 1978 News - 4 issues, 1975-1980	1973 - 1980	32.12
Moore, Anne Carroll	1940 - 1960	32.13
Neighbourhood Catchment Study	1982	33.1
Ontario Library Association	1962 - [197-]	33.2
Osler, Ruth	1983 - 1985	33.3
Parent's Room Statistics	1933 - 1935	Oversize box 3
Programs – publicity	1933 - 1993	33.4
----- and classes	1984	33.5
----- and classes	1985	33.6
----- and classes	1985 - 1988	33.7
----- Summer Reading Club	1986 - 1988	33.8
----- adult	1985 - 1992	33.9
----- art, book illustrations, mask making	1988 - 1992	33.10
----- authors and illustrators	1989 - 1991	33.11
----- clowns, mime	[198-] - [199-]	33.12
----- dance	1987 - 1988	33.13
----- environment	1991	33.14
----- magic shows	1989 - 1992	33.15
----- miscellaneous	1988 - 1992	33.16
----- musicians	1988 - 1992	33.17
----- puppets	1990 - 1992	33.18
----- science shows	1990 - 1992	33.19
----- storytellers	1989 - 1992	33.20
----- teens	1991	33.21

Alphabetical Files L - R

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
----- theatre	1989 - 1992	33.22
Printers – Rolph, Clark, Stone	1958 - 1960	34.1
Publications – brochures and bookmarks	[196-] - 1973	34.2
----- “Lands of pleasure” – book launch program	1989 - 1990	34.3
----- correspondence	1973 - 1974	34.4
----- “A chronicle of boys and girls house”	1964	34.5
----- “Books for boys and girls”, 5 th edition	1967 - 1974	34.6
----- “Books for boys and girls”	1990	34.7
Publishers – English – correspondence	1962 - 1968	34.8
Publishers – American and Canadian	1963 - 1964	34.9
Reference book	1928 - 1932	Oversize box 3
Registration Book (1)	1934 - 1936	Oversize box 3
Registration Book (2)	1936 - 1938	Oversize box 3
Registration Book (3)	1937 - 1940	Oversize box 3
Routine Book	1936	Oversize Box 5

Alphabetical Files S – W (except Smith, TV programs, & TPL)		
File Name/contents	Dates of Creation	Box/file #
St. Christopher's [Settlement] House – correspondence with Sir James Woods	1938 - 1941	34.10
Saint John, Judith – notes on books		34.11
Saint John, Judith – speeches and correspondence	[196-?] - 1991	34.12
Saint John, Judith – student paper (cataloguing assignment)	1934	34.13
Sanderson, Charles R. – portrait	1954	34.14
Schools – library service in the public schools	1967 - 1970	35.1
----- survey – Schools and the Public Library	1970	35.2
Stamp album	1932	Oversize box 3
[Stationery example]	[194-?] - [195-?]	35.18
Statistical Record book	1925 - 1928	Oversize box 3
Statistical Record book	1931 - 1936	Oversize box 7
Statistical Record book	1937 - 1942	Oversize box 7
Statistical Record book	1943 - 1950	Oversize box 7
Stories and puppet shows	1968 - 1973	Oversize box 3
Story Hours (1)	1944 - 1951	Box 50
Story Hours (2)	1951 - 1961	Box 50
Story Hours (3)	1962 - 1969	Box 50
Storytelling	1971 - 1979	35.19
Storytelling – Mariposa in the Schools	1992 - 1993	35.20
Storytelling Festivals – tapes (Masefield 1, 2 &3, Alice Kane, Jean Thomson Tribute)	1961 - 1985	Oversize box 6
Storytelling – John Masefield Festival (third – Marguerite Bagshaw tribute) – record	1972	Oversize box 6
Storytelling – John Masefield Festival – correspondence	1961	35.21
Storytelling – John Masefield Festival – brochures		35.22
Stubbs, Helen – notes		35.23
----- bequest – lecture series. No.1: Kevin Crossley-	1988	36.1

Alphabetical Files S – W (except Smith, TV programs, & TPL)		
File Name/contents	Dates of Creation	Box/file #
Holland – manuscript		
----- bequest – lecture series. No. 2: Tom Blom	1989 - 1990	36.2
----- bequest – lecture series. No. 2 – page proofs and review	1990	36.3
----- bequest – lecture series. No. 2 – edited page proofs and correspondence	1990	36.4
----- bequest – lecture series. No. 3: Ann Thwaite – manuscript	1991	36.5
----- bequest – lecture series. No. 4: Robert Stacey – manuscript	1991 - 1992	36.6
----- bequest – lecture series. No. 5: Margaret McElderry – manuscript	1992 - 1993	36.7
----- bequest – lecture series. No. 6: Aidan Chambers - manuscript	1994	36.8
----- bequest – set of published lectures, No. 1 to No. 16	1988 - 2004	Box 37
Study of services in the Boys and Girls House Library...	1980	35.24
Summer Reading School	1959	35.25
Toronto, City – Royal Commission on Metropolitan Toronto – report	1977	48.1
----- Board of Education – Every Student Survey	1975	48.2
----- Children’s network	1986	48.3
Trotter, Frances – ALA Fellowship for the study of dramatics (1)	1934 - 1935	48.4
---- ALA Fellowship (2)	1935	48.5
University of Toronto – About Books for Children (extension course)	1962 - 1970	48.6
----- Library School - Lecture outlines	[196-?]	48.7
----- Library School - Lecture notes	[1966?]	48.8
----- Library School – correspondence	1970 - 1974	48.9
----- Library School – Information, newsletters, calendar	1972 - 1975	48.10
----- Library School – lectures, duplicates	[196-?]	48.11
----- Library School – memos	1973 - 1974	48.12
----- Library School - research study	1975	48.13

Alphabetical Files S – W (except Smith, TV programs, & TPL)

File Name/contents	Dates of Creation	Box/file #
----- Library School – student essay	1971	49.1
----- Library School – student essays	1973 - 1974	49.2
----- Library School – student essays	1975	49.3
----- Dept. of English, Children’s literature course (Prof. Johanna Dutke) – reading list	[198-?]	49.4
Visitors’ Log (1)	1924 - 1926	Box 50
Visitors’ Log (2)	1926 - 1959	51.1
Visitors’ Log (3)	1959 - 1975	51.2
Visitors’ Log (4)	1975 - 1986	51.3
Work plans (1)	1960 - 1969	49.5
Work plans (2)	1970 - 1979	49.6
Work plans (3)	1976 - 1977	49.7
Writer in residence program – Monica Hughes	1982	49.8
Writing and writers in French	1981	49.9

Smith, Lillian H.

File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Smith, Lillian H. - miscellaneous correspondence	1924 - 1953	35.3
“The Unreluctant years” – original typed manuscript, with the printer’s annotations	1953	Box 37
“The Unreluctant years” – correspondence with publisher	1949 - 1954	35.4
“The Unreluctant years” – letters of appreciation	1953 - 1955	35.5
“The Unreluctant years” – reviews	1953	35.6
Hiring	1912	35.7
Biographical material	1983	35.8
Reminiscences of	[198-?]	35.9
Lillian H. Smith and Anne Carroll Moore, Mildred Batchelder	1960 - 1984	35.10
Retirement	1952	35.11
Death and tributes	1983	35.12
Clarence Day Award, American Library Association	1962	35.13
Bound letter to the Board from the staff of Boys and Girls Division, on her retirement	1952	Oversize box 2
Presentation album from the Canadian Association of Children’s Libraries	1952	Oversize box 4
“Legacy of an Indomitable Spirit” exhibition catalogue	1987	35.14
LHS Collection – cataloguing	1962 - 1964	35.15
LHS Collection – correspondence	1963 - 1968	35.16
LHS Collection – formation	1962 - 1965	35.17

Television Programs at Boys and Girls House		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File
Television programs at Boys and Girls House	1961	38.1
Ideas	[196-]	38.2
Comments	1961	38.3
Complete set of scripts	[196-]	38.4
Duplicate scripts	[196-]	38.5
Script: Shadows from the past	[196-]	38.6
Iliad and Odyssey – research and background outlines	[196-]	38.7
Episode 1: drafts	[196-]	38.8
Episode 2: The Quarrel	[196-]	38.9
Episode 3: The Broken Oath	[196-]	38.10
Episode 7: The Wooden Horse	[196-]	38.11
Episode 8: The Cyclops	[196-]	38.12
Episode 9: The Cannibal Giants...	[196-]	38.13
Episode 10: The Sirens	[196-]	38.14
Broadcast outline – “Let’s do a play”	[196-]	38.15
TV Ontario – Bookmice	1990	38.16

Toronto Public Library		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Toronto Public Library – Alumni Association – LHS Memorial Window	1995 - 1996	39.1
Beckman Reports	1975 - 1977	39.2
Beckman discussion groups	1978	39.3
Beckman Reports – related material	1975 - 1980	39.4
Board – Scrapbook of Mrs. Faulkner (Theresa G.), member of the Board and 1 st chair of the Friends of the Osborne Collection	1944 - 1954	Oversize box 1
Board reports	1966 – 1975	39.5
Book selection policy committee	1975 - 1978	39.6
Boys and Girls Division – Annual reports (photocopies)	1911- 1977	39.7
Boys and Girls Division – Annual reports to Miss Thompson	1957 - 1958	39.8
Boys and Girls Division – Central Area meeting	1977 - 1979	39.9
Boys and Girls Division – Day Books – Riverdale	1914 - 1915	40.1
Boys and Girls Division – Day Books – Riverdale	1927 - 1941	40.2
Boys and Girls Division – Day Books – High Park	1916 - 1922	40.3
Boys and Girls Division – Day Books – College Street	1911 - 1914	40.4
Boys and Girls Division – Day Books – Earlscourt	1914	41.1
Boys and Girls Division – Day Books – Earlscourt	1918 - 1919	41.2
Boys and Girls Division – Day Books – Wychwood	1917 - 1920	41.3
Boys and Girls Division – Reclassification project	1974 - 1982	39.10
Boys and Girls Division – 75 th anniversary	1988?	42.1
Boys and Girls Division – Staff	1962 - 1969	42.2
Boys and Girls Division – Staff handbooks	1960 - 1969	42.3
Boys and Girls Division – Statistical Record Book	1931 - 1937	Oversize box 8
Boys and Girls Division – Statistical Record Books	1937 - 1942	Oversize box 8
Boys and Girls Division – Statistical Record Book	1943 - 1948	Oversize box 9
Boys and Girls Division – Statistical Record Book	1948 - 1959	Oversize box 10

Toronto Public Library		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Boys and Girls Services – Task Force	1978 - 1979	42.4
Budget planning	1977	42.5
Buildings Committee	1975 - 1977	42.6
Buildings Priority Report	1975	42.7
Canadian materials committee	1975	42.8
Centennial Committee	1966 - 1967	42.9
Central Area – user survey	1979	42.10
Central Area – Citizen’s advisory committee	1974 - 1977	43.1
Citizen’s advisory committee – North End – minutes of meeting	1976	43.2
Citizen’s advisory committee – East End	1975 - 1977	43.3
Citizen’s advisory committee – West End – minutes	1976 - 1977	43.4
Closing of the catalogue – report	1979	43.5
Community surveys (multiculturalism, etc)	1974 - 1975	43.6
Danforth Branch – Stories read	1949 - 1967	Oversize box 3
Day Care (correspondence and lists)	1974	43.7
Direct purchase policy	1986	43.8
Film evaluation	1973	43.9
Focal Point and TPL fact sheets	1977	43.10
Forms	[197-?]	43.11
Goals and objectives (1)	1970 - 1978	43.12
Goals and objectives (2)	1975	43.13
Goals and objectives (3)	1975	44.1
Goals and objectives (4)	1977 - 1983	44.2
Manning Branch – progress report	1962	44.3
Multicultural Services Dept.	1991 - 1992	44.4
Native Peoples Practicum	1974 - 1976	44.5
Planning and Development	1977	44.6
Planning and Development Office – feasibility report	1976	44.7

Toronto Public Library		
File Name/Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Planning	1975 - 1979	44.8
Publications: Monthly Events	1979 - 1994	Box 45
Publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christmas and correspondence cards (1970) ○ Books and catalogues (1972) ○ Publications catalogue (1975 & 1979) ○ TPL News (1974-1996) ○ Reading in Toronto – Annual Reports (1944, 1946, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1978, 1979, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991) and highlights (1968, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1974) ○ Boys and Girls Book Classification, a guide to the children’s book collection (1966) 	1944 - 1996	Box 46
Publicity	1994 - 1995	44.9
Regent Park South Branch	1956 - 1963	44.10
St. George Advisory Working Group	1993 - 1994	44.11
Sanderson Branch – “A child’s eye view of the public library”	1975	47.1
Separate School/TPL professional development day	1980	47.2
Summer programming	1982 - 1986	47.3
Toy libraries	1975 - 1982	47.4
Unions	1975 - 1976	47.5
Unions	1977 - 1979	47.6
Work plans (1)	1961 - 1970	47.7
Work plans (2)	1971 - 1974	47.8

SERIES 3: THE OSBORNE COLLECTION

Dates of creation: 1949-1999

Physical description: 5.6 m of textual records

Scope and content: Series consists largely of documentation relating to various publications originating in the Collection. These include the Osborne Catalogue, and reprint projects by the Friends of the Osborne, and by private companies including Johnson, Lang and Holp Shuppan. A lecture series with published texts and exhibition catalogues are also included. Extensive files of clippings about the collection, report and statistics books, guest books, Christmas cards sent and received, correspondence, and published material are also included in this series. The correspondence between Edgar Osborne and the Toronto Public Library relating to the gift of his collection are also included.

Files were initially arranged by the archivist in an alphabetical sequence then divided into separate titles based on content.

Exhibits		
Title and Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Exhibits	1949 - 1959	52.12
Exhibit – Pinocchio Centenary	1981	52.13
Exhibit at Whitehern, Hamilton	1983 - 1984	52.14
Exhibit – Trade & plumbcake....18 th century fare	1985	52.15
Exhibit – Legacy of an indomitable spirit (research, proofs, catalogue)	1987	Box 56
Exhibit – Of China that’s ancient and blue	1988	52.16
Exhibit – Richard Andre illustrations	1989 - 1990	52.17
Exhibit – “We’re all mad here” – notes	1990	52.18
Exhibit – A celebration of our literary heritage	1991	52.19
Exhibit – A Quick wit and a light hand (research and proofs)	1993	Box 57
Exhibit – Hay’s bequest	1994	52.20
Exhibit – Box of delights	1996	52.21
Exhibit – Healthy, wealthy and wise	1996	52.22
Exhibit – Ingenious contrivances	1997	52.23
Exhibit – The lively art of children’s picture illustration	1999	52.24
Exhibit – Plain and fancy	2001	52.25
Exhibit – This magical book	2002	52.26

Friends of the Osborne & Lillian H. Smith Collections		
Title and Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
Friends of the Osborne & Lillian H. Smith Collections – formation	1965	58.1
----- gift book: The joy of a new doll		58.2
----- gift book: The dog's dinner party	1969	58.3
----- gift book: The mother's primer	1970	58.4
----- gift book: Valentine and Orson	1971	58.5
----- gift book: Mansion of bliss	1970 - 1972	58.6
----- gift book: The history of the celebrated Nanny Goose	1973 - 1974	58.7
----- gift book: Healthful sports	1974	58.8
----- gift book: Historia di Lionbruno	1976	58.9
----- gift book: Historia di Lionbruno, galleys	1976	58.10
----- gift book: Potter letters	1977	58.11
----- gift book: Ministering angels	1978 - 1980	58.12
----- gift book: A token for friends	1979	58.13
----- gift book: Mother Shipton	1979	58.14
----- gift book: A singular story	1980 - 1982	58.15
----- gift book: The Juvenile review	1982	58.16
----- gift book: Beatrice Crane	1984	58.17
----- gift book: The art of making money plenty	1984	58.18
----- gift book: History of Gog and Magog	1985 - 1986	58.19
----- gift book: Writing sheet	1986 - 1987	58.20
----- gift book: Pigweeney	1988	58.21
----- gift book: Classical letters	1989 - 1990	58.22
----- gift book: Classical letters – research	1989 - 1990	58.23
----- gift book: Bickham	1991	58.24
----- gift book: Bickham (2)	1991	58.25
----- gift book: Paths of life	1992	58.26
----- gift book: Cries of London	1993	58.27

Friends of the Osborne & Lillian H. Smith Collections

Title and Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/File #
----- lecture: Louis James – The skeleton clutch of the penny dreadful	1968	59.1
----- lecture: Justin Schiller – The rise of the age of fantasy	1971	59.2
----- lecture: Helen B. Armstrong – The wonderful world of old romance	1972	59.3
----- lecture: Margaret N. Cutt – In their own time	1972	59.4
----- lecture: Jay Macpherson – Beauty and the beast	1974	59.5
----- lecture: John Hays – Confessions of a book collector	1977	59.6
----- lecture: Susan Cooper – Stars in our heads	1977	59.7
----- lecture: June Rogers – Struwwelpeter: changing attitudes	1979	59.8
----- lecture: David Blamires – From German chapbook to English fairytale	1979	59.9
----- lecture: Gerald Bentley – The freaks of learning	1980	59.10
----- lecture: Warren Upton Ober – The story of the three bears	1981	59.11
----- lecture: Joseph Brabant – Lewis Carroll and Alice Liddell	1982	59.12
----- lecture: Marjorie Moon – Practical principles and profitable amusement	1982	59.13
----- lecture: Thomas E. Blom – Adventures of the mind	1983	59.14
----- lecture: Graham Parker – Who killed Cock Robin?	1985	59.15
----- lecture: Robert H. MacDonald – Calling all chums	1989	59.16
----- lecture: Judith St. John – Memories and anecdotes	1991	59.17
----- lecture: Lawrence Darton – William Darton (1755-1819)	1992	59.18
----- miscellaneous correspondence, minutes, reports, etc.	1966 - 1993	59.19
----- newsletters	1967 - 1995	59.20
----- publication proposals – birthday book	1990	59.21
----- publicity – proof copy of prospectus	[196-]	59.22

Publications		
Title and contents	Dates of Creation	Box/file #
Publications: Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Research	1954 - 1957	60.8
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Fundraising	1957	60.9
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – McLean Foundation	1957 - 1959	60.10
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Copyright permissions	1958	60.11
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Editorial policies	1958	60.12
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – U of T Press, estimates, samples, etc.	1956 - 1958	60.13
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Drafts of introduction and preface		60.14
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Preface, plates, cover		60.15
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Illustrations		60.16
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Colour proofs		60.17
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Paste up of text		Oversize Box 11
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Printer’s proof copy – Travel & Geography section		Oversize Box 12
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Uncut page proofs		Oversize Box 13
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Corrected page proofs		Oversize Box 14
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Illustration galleys		Oversize Box 15
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Galleys		Oversize Box 16
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Publicity	1958 - 1959	61.1
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Reviews	1959 - 1960	61.2
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Complimentary review copies	1958 - 1959	61.3
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Fan mail	1959 - 1964	61.4
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. I – Errata lists for reprints	1959 - 1975	61.5
----- Osborne Catalogues, Vols. I & II – Orders	1959 - 1975	61.6
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. II – Estimates	1973 - 1975	61.7
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. II – Preface (manuscript draft)		61.8

Publications		
Title and contents	Dates of Creation	Box/file #
----- Osborne Catalogue, Vol. II – Reviews	1975 - 1976	61.9
----- Osborne Catalogue – design award	1994	61.10
----- Osborne Catalogues – copies of the 1958 and 1975 editions	1958 - 1978	Box 62
----- Osborne Catalogues – microfilm (2 copies)		Oversize Box 6
Publications – An Illustrated Comic Alphabet	1966 - 1967	63.1
Publications – Johnson Reprint Corporation – Contracts & correspondence	1968 - 1972	63.2
----- Johnson Reprints – Brochure	[196-]	63.3
----- Johnson Reprints – Bibliographical and research notes; correspondence	1969	63.4
----- Johnson Reprints – Prefaces	[196-]	63.5
----- Johnson Reprints – Preface proofs	1970	63.6
----- Johnson Reprints – Royalty reports	1968 - 1974	63.7
Publications – Herbert Lang Ltd. Reprints – Correspondence	1972 - 1974	63.8
----- Lang Reprints – Prefaces and research	1973	63.9
----- Lang Reprints – copies of published books	1973	Box 64
Publications – Holp Shuppan Publishers, Tokyo – Osborne facsimile project No. I – correspondence	1975 - 1981	Box 65
----- Holp I – contracts and drafts	1978 - 1983	Box 66
----- Holp I – publicity and reviews	1971 - [1980]	Box 67
----- Holp facsimile project No. II – correspondence and drafts	1983 - 1987	Box 68
----- Holp II – research	[198-]	Box 69
----- Holp II – research	[198-]	Box 70
----- Holp exhibition and catalogue	1987 - 2003	Box 71
Publications – Leonard de Vries, Flowers of Delight – correspondence, drafts, research, contracts, reviews and other material relating to publication of the book	1965 - 1990	Box 72
----- proof copy with corrections		Oversize Box 17

Miscellaneous		
Title and Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/file #
About the Osborne Collection – publications	1964 - 1999	52.1
Acquisitions and gifts – original gift, including valentine collection	1964	52.2
Acquisitions and gifts	1964 - 1999	52.3
Annual reports	1992 - 1993	52.4
Art – display	1975	52.5
Articles about the Osborne Collection – clippings and periodicals	1949 - 1990	Box 53; Oversize Box 1
Brochure	1990 - 1992	52.6
Collection development – completed worksheets	[198-?]	62.7
Correspondence	1965 - 1968	52.8
Correspondence – reference questions	1990 - 1995	52.9
Christmas and greeting cards	1953 - 1994	52.10
Day Book (including 1971-72 statistics)	1964 - 1972	Box 54
----- and statistics	1973 - 1976	Box 54
----- and statistics	1977 - 1981	Box 54
-----	1982 - 1986	Box 54
-----	1987	Box 54
-----	1988	Box 54
-----	1989 - 1991	Box 55
Desk diary	1990	Box 55
Desk diary	1991	Box 55
Day book	1991 - 1994	Box 55
Guest book	1986 - 1996	Box 55
Directory of printed ephemera – survey from the Faculty of Library and Information Science, University of Toronto	1987	52.11
Logo of the Osborne Collection by Maurice Sendak – metal stamp and paste-up	[1979?]	60.1
Maclean's Magazine article – correspondence	1959	60.2

Miscellaneous		
Title and Contents	Dates of Creation	Box/file #
Maclean's Magazine article – metal printing plates	1957	Shelved at the end (unboxed)
Maloney, Margaret	1977 - 1995	60.3
Osborne, Edgar – correspondence with the Toronto Public Library (CR Sanderson, Jean Thompson and others)	1948 - 1952	60.4
----- correspondence with Toronto Public Library	1953 - 1959	60.5
----- correspondence with Toronto Public Library	1963 - 1974	60.6
----- copy of the Deed of Gift and TPL Annual Report for 1949	1948 - 1949	60.7
Slide lists	1975?	60.18
T-shirts (printed with the Osborne Collection brochure)		Oversize Box 3
Thank you letters	1984 - 1985	60.19
Travel request forms	1965 - 1977	60.20
Trust Fund (Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Collections)	1974 - 1975	60.21
Trust Fund – Inaugural Exhibit responses and contribution forms	1976	Oversize Box 3

SERIES 4: OSBORNE FAMILY

Dates of creation: [18--] – 1987

Physical description:

Biographical sketch: Edgar Osborne was born on March 23, 1890 in Christchurch, Southampton, the son of Albert and Louisa Jane (Hall) Osborne. His father was a mail carrier and Edgar's education depended greatly on self-directed reading. He was formally educated at a private school and at St. Paul's Church School in Bournemouth but higher education was difficult for working class boys so he educated himself at home, at the Public Library and through evening classes. He worked towards the Civil Service examination but was appointed junior assistant in the Bournemouth Library, moving to the Sheffield Public Library after passing the Library Association examinations.

During the First World War, he was posted in the Middle East and met Lt. Col. J.M. Mitchell who suggested his appointment to Derbyshire. Here he distinguished himself as an innovative librarian and collector. When he began, in 1922, the library system consisted of one paid staff (himself) with a network of centers, mostly schools, manned by volunteers. There were 140 centers, 8000 readers and 12834 books. When he retired there were 171,000 readers, 576,000 books and 42 branch libraries. He also pioneered the use of mobile libraries, with coverage of all Derbyshire's rural areas by 1951. He wrote the standard manual on county librarianship with his deputy, F.A. Sharr, and he was an elder statesman on the Council of the Library Association.

At the end of World War I Mr. Osborne married Mabel Jacobson, a Shakespearean actress interested in the Little Theatre movement who also wrote cookery books. Merging their family libraries they discovered their childhood books and began adding to their core collection of family volumes. In 1934 Mr. And Mrs. Osborne came to the American Library Association meetings as delegates for the Library Association of Great Britain. At this time they paid a short visit to Toronto where they met Lillian H. Smith. After this visit Mrs. Osborne suggested a permanent home might be made for their collection at the Toronto Public Library.

During the Second World War Edgar Osborne supervised paper salvage in Derbyshire and was able to save large numbers of books and manuscripts. This led to work on the National Register of Archives, a major interest of his later life. Mabel Osborne died in 1946 and the next year Mr. Osborne offered the books to Chief Librarian Dr. Charles R. Sanderson as a tribute to Miss Smith and as a memorial to his wife. After his retirement in 1954 he was Librarian to the Marquess of Salisbury at Hatfield House and he continued to work on other old family collections of records, books, prints and drawings.

In 1957 he married Kerstin Munch of Rosenhold, a Swedish librarian who was city librarian of Lund. 1958 he received an honorary MA from the University of Nottingham, and in 1970 he received a doctorate from the University of Toronto. Edgar Osborne died at his home in Smalley, near Derby, on November 24th, 1978. Mrs. Kerstin

Osborne lives in Sweden and remains keenly interested in the affairs of the Osborne Collection.

Scope and content: Series contains material from Mr. Osborne that does not directly concern the gift of his collection. Included in this series are a copy of the record of his birth, material relating to the theatrical career of his first wife, Mabel, with whom he formed the collection, some of his correspondence with authors and illustrators, including Arthur Rackham, material documenting his two honorary degrees, some of his writing, a bibliography compiled by his second wife, Kerstin, and biographical material including obituaries.

The Osborne Family		
Title and contents	End date	Location
Bibliography and writing	1956 - 1987	80.1
Correspondence – Laurence Binyon. File contains letters from Binyon with 2 theatre programs and an off-print sent as enclosures	1930 - 1942	80.2
Correspondence – Eve Garnett	1964 - 1965	80.3
Correspondence – Cynthia Harnett	1952	80.4
Correspondence – Louis Shore Nightingale	1938 - 1939	80.5
Correspondence – Arthur Rackham	1936	80.6
Correspondence – Mabel F.H. Smith	1946	80.7
Correspondence – Noel Streafield	1939	80.8
Correspondence – Alison Utteley	1946 - 1947	80.9
Correspondence	1948 - 1949	80.10
Exhibition catalogue of the Osborne Collection at the Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne, in connection with the annual conference of The Library Association, 1949, together with a copy of Mr. Osborne’s speech at the opening.	1949	80.11
Honourary degrees (Nottingham and Toronto)	1958 - 1970	80.12
Invoices from book dealers	1948 - 1953	80.13
Miscellaneous material about Mr. Osborne	1950 - 1959	80.14
Miscellaneous prints and art, probably meant for the scrapbook	[18--] - [197-]	80.15
Obituaries	1978 - 1979	80.16
Osborne, Mabel Jacobson, manuscript: “An account of my time with the F.R. Benson Co.”, with 5 postcards depicting her in costume.	[191-]	80.17

The Osborne Family

Title and contents	End date	Location
Photographs of "The Spinney", Morley, near Derby	1952	80.18
Scrapbook – containing manuscript material, clippings, prints, original art, stamps (continued after Mr. Osborne's death by Kerstin Osborne?)	[18--] - [197-]	Oversize Box 18
Stamp collection – containing British, American, European, African and other stamped acquired by Mr. Osborne as part of auctions lots.	[184-] - 1971	Oversize Box 19

SERIES 5: HELEN ARMSTRONG

Dates of creation: [1928 – 1972]

Physical description: 0.4 m of textual records

Biographical sketch: Helen Armstrong was a children’s librarian at the Toronto Public Library from 1928 to 1966. In 1932 she received a Carnegie Fellowship for two years of post-graduate study of epics and romance literature at the University of London. She lectured at the Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto from 1966 to 1975, and in 1972 she gave a lecture “The Wonder World of Old Romance” to the Friends of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Collections. Helen Armstrong died in 1985.

Scope and content: Series contains Helen Armstrong’s manuscripts pertaining to lectures, theses and publications, relating to her specialization in romance literature, including her retelling of epic stories. Files names have been exactly retained. None of the files were dated. Her story files have been arranged alphabetically within three subject groups: Courses and lectures, Manuscripts, and Stories.

Helen Armstrong		
File name	Date	Location
Courses and lectures: Lectures for extension course		73.1
----- The Wonder World of Old Romance	[1972]	73.2
----- Library school course 1060X – The Hero stories and children’s literature	[1968]	73.3
----- Romance (course)	1970-1975	73.4
----- Storytelling	[196-]-1981	73.5
----- Storytelling – “Helen’s Saga” (handmade card from the Storytelling School, signed by Joan Bodger, Dan Yashinsky and others)	1981	73.6
----- Talks and articles by Helen Armstrong	1957-1961	73.7
Manuscripts: The basis of the modern tendency in fiction (MA thesis)		73.8
----- Gisli the outlaw, retold from the saga by Helen Armstrong		73.9
----- Gisli, first version		73.10
----- Gisli, second version, incomplete and unrevised		73.11
----- Gisli, final version		73.12
----- The high history of the Holy Grail, with synopsis		73.13
----- The high history of the Holy Grail		74.1

Helen Armstrong		
File name	Date	Location
----- Listen my lords, a storyteller's book of hero stories, arranged by Helen Armstrong		74.2
----- Myth, epic and romance.		74.3
----- Puppet plays for children		74.4
----- The stories of epic and romance: a bibliography of source materials		74.5
Stories: Achilles wrath		74.6
----- Awh-md-way, a tragedy of the Ojibway		74.7
----- Beowulf and the water witch		74.8
----- Bran and Branwen/ St. George of Merrie England		74.9
----- Dick Whittington/Puss-in-boots		74.10
----- Grettir the strong		74.11
----- Hansel & Gretel, Mr. Bun, Rumpelstiltskin, Buttercup, Snow White, Rapunzel, Two sisters, Three bears		74.12
----- How Finn became head of the Fianna of Ireland/Baldur's dreams		75.1
----- How Theseus found his father		75.2
----- King Harold Hairfair		75.3
----- Leif Ericson's saga		75.4
----- Prince Rabbit, Why the deer have antlers...		75.5
----- Robin Hood and Little John		75.6
----- Sajo		75.7
----- St. George, The Old Witch, Sir Cleges and the cherries		75.8
----- Sir Gawain and the sword of St. John/Roland at Roncesvalles		75.9
----- The story of Bothvar		75.10
----- The story of Bothvar – rough material		75.11
----- The story of Olaf		75.12
----- Tristan of Lyonesse		75.13
----- The voyage of Maelduin		75.14
----- Wallace/Tristram		75.15

Helen Armstrong

File name	Date	Location
----- Why there are no snakes in Ireland		75.16
----- Loose notes		75.17
----- Notebooks		75.18

SERIES 6: PHOTOGRAPHS

Dates of creation: [192-] - 2003

Physical description: 0.7 m (1163) of photographs

Scope and content: Series contains photographs taken at the various buildings of Boys and Girls House documenting staff, programs, patrons, special events and the buildings themselves. Most are undated. The photographs have been protected in mylar sleeves and grouped together by size and then by subject. The series includes an album compiled by the archivist containing recent snapshots of Osborne events. A photo album created earlier has been recreated using archival materials.

Photographs						
Subject	Date	Box 76	Box 77	Box 78	Box 79	Binder
Boys & Girls House (original building), exterior	[1922-1963]	17	2		1	
Boys & Girls House (original building), interior – including the Little Theatre	[1922-1963]	22	13			
Children at Boys & Girls House (old building)	[1930-]-1964	32	38			
Children at Boys & Girls House (new building)	[1964-1991]	26	26			
Boys & Girls House – new building	1964	4	13		6	
Book Fairs & exhibits	[193-]-[194-]	24	5			
Japanese children – photographs sent by Miss Momoko Ishii	1958	15				
Librarians	[192-]-[199-]	31	21			
Literary sites – photographs from Prof. Yoshida		12				
Masefield storytelling festivals	[196-]	8				
Edgar Osborne	[195-]-[196-]	14	13			
Other libraries and branches (photographs & postcards)	1926-1960	15	4			
Other libraries and branches – Eastern Branch (scrapbook)				11		
Puppets	[195-]	15	6			
Special events/visits	1958-1985		5			

Photographs						
Subject	Date	Box 76	Box 77	Box 78	Box 79	Binder
Television programming at Boys & Girls House	1955	6				
Theatre programs – Pinocchio	[1930]		2			
Anne Carroll Moore visit	1955			6		
Scrapbook					72	
Exhibition marking the publication of the first Osborne Catalogue	1959	13		9		
ALA-CLA banquet, Montreal	1960			1		
Colloquium on Children's Literature	1965	64		6		
Royal visit	1967	30				
Exhibition of the collection of Dr. F.G. Bell.	1967			14		
Library in the Park program	[196-]			5		
Dr. Osborne's party	1970	28				
Rumer Godden visit	1975			1		
Trust Fund launch for Osborne & Lillian H. Smith Collections	1976			20		
Susan Cooper/Margaret K. McElderry visit	1977	7				
Miss St. John's retirement	1979	22				
Royal visit	1980	6		5		
Book launch: Margaret Maloney & Lazlo Gal's <i>The Little Mermaid</i>	1983			5		
Milly Dufek's retirement party	1986	27				
Photographs for <i>Lands of Pleasure</i>	1990			7		
Lawrence Darton visit	1992					5
Party at the site of the new Lillian H. Smith Branch	199-					7
Opening of the Lillian H. Smith Branch	1996					81
Unveiling of Edgar Osborne's portrait	2001					18
50 th Anniversary of the Osborne Collection	2002					24
Beth and Gerry Bentley 50 th Anniversary event	2002					29

Photographs

Subject	Date	Box 76	Box 77	Box 78	Box 79	Binder
Moveable book workshop	2003					12
IBBY Honour List exhibit	2003					4
Visit from LM Montgomery heirs	2003					2
Staff pictures	2003					5
Farewell party for Stephen Shubert	2003					6