

# Association of Research Libraries Records

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Association of Research Libraries Records

**Span Dates:** 1932-1979

**ID No.:** MSS54718

**Creator:** Association of Research Libraries

**Extent:** 11,000 items ; 44 containers ; 17.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Organization of research libraries in the United States and Canada. Correspondence, memoranda, minutes of meetings, reports, financial records, printed matter, and miscellaneous items relating to the association's membership and its assessment and evaluation projects and services on behalf of client institutions.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Organizations

Association of Research Libraries.

Farmington Plan.

Library of Congress.

National Agricultural Library (U.S.)

National Library of Medicine (U.S.)

### Subjects

Academic libraries.

Acquisition of foreign publications--United States.

Agricultural libraries.

Cooperative acquisition of library materials.

Education, Higher.

Libraries--Canada.

Libraries--Societies, etc.

Libraries--United States.

Library catalogs.

Medical libraries.

National libraries.

Newspapers on microfilm.

Public libraries.

Research libraries.

Research.

Special libraries.

### Titles

*Public Law 480 program.*

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The records of the Association of Research Libraries were given to the Library of Congress by the association between 1974 and 1982.

## **Processing History**

The records of the Association of Research Libraries were housed and listed circa 1985. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

## **Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings in the Association of Research Libraries is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## **Access and Restrictions**

The records of the Association of Research Libraries are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Association of Research Libraries Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

# **Organizational History**

The Association of Research Libraries was formed in 1932 for the purpose of improving the collections and services of its member libraries in support of higher education and research. Its membership consists of larger university libraries; research libraries in the United States and Canada, including the three national libraries of the United States: the Library of Congress, the National Agricultural Library, and the National Library of Medicine; and public and special libraries with large research collections.

The association undertakes a variety of activities, including serving as a representative for its members in matters relating to the federal government, international agencies, and other library associations, as well as engaging in cooperative projects and studies with other academic and research organizations. Among the more important projects sponsored or supported by the association are the Farmington Plan, the Public Law 480 program, the National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging, the Foreign Newspaper Microfilm Project, the annual publication of *Dissertation Abstracts*, and the establishment of the Center for Chinese Research Materials and the Slavic Bibliographic and Documentation Center.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The records of the Association of Research Libraries span the years 1932-1979 and document the efforts of the association to improve the collections and services of member research libraries in North America. The collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, minutes of meetings, reports, financial records, printed matter, and miscellaneous items concerning the organizational structure and administration of the association. The records reflect on membership requirements and admittances, the deliberations of internal and cooperative committees, relationships with affiliated organizations, and various projects administered by the association, including the Farmington Plan, the Public law 480 program, the Foreign Newspaper Microfilm Project, and the publication of the first Library of Congress catalog initiated and sponsored by the association.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by subject in the order as the items were originally described and housed.

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