

Scope and Content Note:

The Slonim donation of Friends of the Plainfield Public Library contains records spanning 1952-1973. They comprise newsletters, correspondence, meeting notes, clippings, ephemera, receipts, financial documents, and legal documents. There are no photographs in this collection. The “Friendly Affairs” newsletters include the inaugural issue. The majority of this collection focuses on the new Plainfield Public Library building, specifically the period from 1962, when the Board of Directors began investigating the products and services needed for a new library building, to 1966, which saw the groundbreaking of the new library, to 1968, when the Friends and the Library staff and supporters held numerous dedication events.

Box List

Box	Folder	Folder Name	Items	Dates
1	1	Friendly Affairs	-2 copies, January 1964, vol. 1, no. 1, inaugural issue. Contents: library benefit, officers and board members, “Just Right for Yesterday” film, history of the library, events calendar, history of the FOPPL. -3 copies, April 1964, vol. 1, no. 2. Contents: National Library Week; annual meeting; reports from nominating committee, president, and Shakespeare Duet benefit committee; events calendar; architects; new library. -2 copies, supplement included, January 1965, vol. 1, no. 3. Contents: grant announcement, public relations program, “area library” designation, officers, events calendar, president’s report, new library, local councilmen’s contact information, and information sheet for letter writers. -2 copies, April 1965, vol. 2, no. 1. Contents: annual meeting announcement, National Library Week, nominating committee report, event calendar, president’s report. -3 copies, January 1966, vol. 2, no. 2. Contents: new library construction, National Library Week, film collection, reference, events calendar, donation announcement. -3 copies, March 1966, vol. 2, no. 3. Contents: new library construction, NASA photography exhibit, gifts, destruction of the Carnegie building, events calendar, large-type editions. -4 copies, February 1967, vol. 3, no. 1. Contents: new library construction and dedication, reference collection’s value, events calendar, National Library Week, photocharging, gifts, WERA AM interview. -2 copies, October 1967, vol. 3, no. 2. Contents: dedication postponement, new building construction updates, The Friday Review (a discussion group meeting monthly in private	1964-1968

			<p>homes), children's programs, new library staff, films available, new officers.</p> <p>-6 copies, February 1968, vol. 3, no. 3. Contents: library dedication, Lynniel A. Moore's 10th anniversary as library director, delays in new library move, budget cuts, closures, new additions.</p> <p>-3 copies, December 1968, vol. 4, no.1. Contents: Family holiday program around new water court, president's letter, officers and Board of Directors, family and children's programs, new library hours, adult education, library work course, tours, new staff, gifts, other brief announcements.</p>	
2	Friendly Affairs	<p>-3 copies, April 1969, vol. 4, no. 2. Contents: president's letter, events calendar, Robert Gidding concert, officer elections, landscaping plans, staff changes, National Library Week, membership report.</p> <p>-3 copies, November 1969, vol. 4, no. 3. Contents: film festival, officers and Board of Directors, president's letter, library service, Martin Luther King Jr. memorial plaque, behavior in the library, by-laws revision, oral histories, library methods course, chamber music concert, programs for children.</p> <p>-3 copies, January 1970, vol. 5, no. 1, 1 page only. Contents: events calendar.</p> <p>-4 copies, April 1971, vol. 5, no. 2. Contents: poetry event, president's letter, program committee report, membership committee report, staff changes, events calendar.</p> <p>-2 copies (1 editorial copy plus a note), May-June 1971, vol. 5, no. 3. Contents: annual meeting, Board of Directors members and nominees, president's letter, events calendar.</p> <p>-1 copy, January 1972, vol. 6, no. 1. Contents: piano dedication, letter from the Board, events calendar.</p> <p>-1 copy, May 1972, vol. 6, no. 2. Contents: annual meeting, nominating committee report, president's letter, events calendar.</p> <p>-2 copies, September 1973, vol. 7, no. 1. Contents: a play in progress, events calendar, president's letter, officers and Board of Directors members, outreach program and schedule.</p> <p>-1 copy, January 1974, vol. 7, no. 2. Contents: concert announcement, totebag donation, proposed PATH extension into Plainfield, volunteer projects, Beaux Arts Ball, events calendar.</p> <p>-1 copy, May 1974, vol. 7, no. 3. Contents: concert announcement, president's letter, officers, events calendar, Reading is Fundamental program.</p> <p>-1 copy, October 1974, vol. 8, no. 1. Contents: concert announcement, volunteer opportunities, events calendar.</p>	1969-1974	

3	Friendly Affairs, Editor's File, Correspondence and Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Notes on the origins of "Friendly Affairs," dated 1963. -Letter to Victor King from "Hess" dated May 4, 1963. His/her thoughts on what the newsletter should and should not be. -Letter from Victor King to Rose Slonim passing "Hess" letter along, dated November 2, 1963. -Letter from Library Director L.A. Moore regarding supplies and costs of the newsletter, dated January 8, 1964. -Accounting notes for each issue of vol. 3. -A delivery ticket for vol. 3, no. 3, dated March 5, 1968. -Notes on the printing of "Friendly Affairs" letterhead. -On the verso of a January 28, 1965 letter from Leland Foster to FOPPL, notes for future newsletters. -Notes on the planning of "Friendly Affairs" dated 1963. -Notes on vol. 4, nos. 1 and 2. -Notes on vol. 3, nos. 1-3. -Notes on the verso of vol. 2, no. 1, on vol. 2, nos. 2 and 3. -Notes on vol. 2, no. 1. -Notes on vol. 1, nos. 2 and 3. -Notes on the January 1964 issue. -Notes taken on the front page of the December 1968 issue. -Notes on vol. 4, no. 3, vol. 5, no. 1. -Notes on vol. 4, no. 2. 	1963-1968
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4	Correspondence and Meeting Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -On the versos of meeting announcement cards, notes taken at the July 29, 1968 annual meeting. -Membership drive letter from Molly Marsh, Membership Chair, dated January 1963. -Letter announcing \$20,000 appropriated for the new library and also announcing the newsletter to come, from Sallie Hale, Membership Chair, dated November 1963. -2 copies, letter from President Leland Foster regarding a \$100,000 federal grant and matching private grant for the new library building, dated November 7, 1964. -Letter from Present Leland Foster regarding funding for the new building, dated January 28, 1965. -Secretary's notes from Executive Board meeting, dated March 18, 1965. -Secretary's notes from Executive Board meeting, dated March 25, 1965. -Notes from Library Board of Directors monthly meeting, dated June 8, 1965. -Memo from L.A. Moore to directors of public libraries in the Plainfield area regarding the radio program on WERA 1590 AM, dated March 31, 1966. -Annual meeting notes, dated May 22, 1966. -Membership report, dated May 15, 1967. -2 copies, letter from President Donn Slonim requesting more funding for the new building, dated May 26, 1967. -2 copies, annual meeting buffet announcement, undated. -2 copies, 1970-1971 officers and committee members, undated. -2 letters, one to Donn and one to Rose Slonim thanking them for their support and requesting help. Each has a handwritten note at the bottom from Emily S. Gindin, dated September 25, 1970. -Letter from President Ted Stoepel regarding the piano and an extra-large tape deck, dated February 14, 1972. -Annual meeting notes, dated June 4, 1973. -Proposal to Amend Articles of Incorporation. -Memo from Victor R. King to the Executive Board regarding the building program, dated February 19, 1962. -Letter from Victor R. King to the Board of Directors regarding the architects' plans, dated April 2, 1962. -Notes from New Jersey Libraries Association Spring Conference, dated May 1962. -A copy of John Ruskin's quote on the Essex County Courthouse, undated. -Letter from Victor R. King to the Friends regarding the new building, dated May 1962. - Letter from Corresponding Secretary Katharine H. Shelleng to the Mayor of Plainfield regarding the new building, dated July 6, 1962. 	1962-1973
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Letter from Richard P. Dykman, Mayor, to Victor King regarding the new building, dated July 10, 1962. -Victor King's response to the letter above, dated July 17, 1962. 	
5	Clippings, Library Dedication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Photo of Plainfield Garden Club presenting flowers for the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Reading Room, dated December 4, 1968. -“Library Board Member Named,” appointment of Mrs. Jane C. McCarthy to board, dated November 2, 1968. -“New Plainfield Library Is Set to Meet Back-to-School Rush,” feature article by Peter Dreier on the new library and its holdings, dated September 4, 1968. -“Readers Ask Help!” column, critique from local woman responded to by the President of the Friends, dated August 8, 1968. -“Library Unit Elects Slate,” results of Friends elections, dated July 30, 1968. -Photo of Anne Louise Davis applying a “VURYL” (Visit Use, Respect Your Library) bumper sticker, dated June 4, 1968. -“Library Director Is Lauded for 10 Years of Service Here,” article describing L.A. Moore's celebration dinner, dated May 29, 1968. -“Library Speaker Is Hospitalized,” short piece describing the hospitalized speaker, Arna Bontemps, dated May 21, 1968. -“City's New Library Lauded By Speakers at Dedication,” The Courier-News cover story on one of the library dedication events, dated April 22, 1968. -“Library Dedication to Honor Dr. King,” tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. planned as part of ceremony, speakers named, dated April 17, 1968. -“10 Years Ago, 1957” note on Lynniel A. Moore becoming director of the library, handwritten note on page saying the date is incorrect, dated October 2, 1967. -“Library Friends Re-Elect Head,” Donn P. Slonim re-elected president of the Friends, dated June 19, 1967. -“Accent on Youth” The Courier-News. Photo showing Mayor Maddox's daughter Sandra breaking ground at the library, dated March 21, 1966. -“Groundbreaking Scheduled for New Public Library,” announcement of upcoming ceremony, dated March 18, 1966. -“Groundbreaking Conducted for New Plainfield Library,” description of the ceremony, dated March 19, 1966. -“New Library Urged by City LWV,” League of Women Voters supports new library building, undated. -“City Library Plans Unveiled,” report on City Council meeting on same topic, dated July 2, 1964. 	1964-1968	

6	Ephemera, Library Dedication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Program for Martin Luther King Jr. Reading Room dedication, dated February 8, 1970. -Annual meeting announcement card, dated July 29, 1968. -VURYL "Visit, Use, Respect Your Library" bumper sticker, undated. -Press release for VURYL campaign, dated June 4, 1968. -Invitation to L.A. Moore's 10th anniversary dinner, dated May 28, 1968. -Dedication program spanning April 21-May 26, 1968. -Invitation card for speakers, dated May 19, 1986. -2 copies, dedication invitation card, dated April 16, 1968. -Memo from Anne Louise Davis announcing the postponement of the dedication, dated September 19, 1967. -3 copies, groundbreaking invitation card, one dated 1966. -2 copies, groundbreaking ceremony plan, dated March 17, 1966. -“Just Right for Yesterday” pamphlet explaining why Plainfield needs a new library, undated. -2 copies, “Not Only Wishes” building program booklet, dated 1964. -“A Report to the Board of Directors of the Plainfield Public Library” justifies at length the needs and what should be offered in terms of products and services, dated January 2, 1962. -“A Record of the 70th Anniversary Celebration” booklet, dated 1952. 	1952-1970, with gaps
7	Treasurer's File	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Receipt for postage, dated January 21, 1962. -Receipt for Courier-News, dated January 8, 1962. -Receipt for Friends letterhead, dated December 14, 1961. -Statement of expenditures, dated December 5, 1961. -Receipt for paper, dated October 27, 1961. -Receipt for electronic stencil, dated October 26, 1961. -Bill for annual meeting flowers and coffee urn, dated June 13, 1961. -Invoice for mailing invitations, dated March 8, 1961. -Note from L.A. Moore to Ruth Gold regarding billing issues, dated February 2, 1961. -Friends of the Library Tea Party expenses, dated January 22, 1961. -Invoice for letterhead, dated January 10, 1960. -2 copies, lease agreement for Paramount Theater, dated September 27, 1962. -Insurance policy for Paramount Theater, dated October 12, 1962. -Bill from The Recorder Press for “La Belle Americaine” program, dated November 29, 1962. -Correspondence from Victor King to the Plainfield Trust State national Bank regarding the lease on the Paramount Theater, dated October 18, 1962. 	1960-1964

- Correspondence from Anne Louise Davis to Victor King regarding funds, October, 18, 1962.
- Receipt for gift, undated.
- Correspondence from Anne Louise Davis to Victor King regarding funds, dated December 5-7, 1962.
- Receipt for acetate sheets, dated October 30, 1962.
- Statements from the Plainfield Courier-News, dated November 29, 1962.
- Invoice for liability insurance on the Paramount Theater, dated October 11, 1962.
- Note regarding check approvals, undated.
- Invoice for mailing sponsorship letters, dated September 24, 1962.
- Invoice for envelopes, dated September 5, 1962.
- Invoice for processing and mailing Hines Survey to Friends, dated July 20, 1962.
- Expenses for Molly Marsh, dated June 12, 1962.
- Expenses for refreshments, July 5, 1962.
- Bill for stationery, dated May 9, 1962.
- Statement for flowers, dated march 5, 1962.
- Letter from Jack Hone, dated January 25, 1962.
- Bill for tape recorder and projector, dated May 6, 1963.
- Bill for refreshments, dated April 21, 1963.
- Bill for stationery, dated February 21, 1963.
- Expenses for Molly Marsh, dated march 23, 1963.
- Expenses for slide show, dated April 17, 1963.
- Bill for stationery, dated March 4, 1963.
- Bill for stationery, dated December 28, 1962.
- Expenses for Molly Marsh, dated January 19, 1963.
- Bill for stationery, dated November 14, 1963.
- Bill for slide show, dated November 19, 1963.
- Bill for stationery, dated November 22, 1963.
- Bill for stationery, October 22, 1963.
- Bill for slides, September 25, 1963.
- Bill for stationery, dated June 24, 1963.
- Receipt for post cards, dated May 28, 1963.
- Receipts for refreshments, dated May 28, 1963.
- Postage expenses, dated May 27, 1963.
- Postage, dated may 27, 1963.
- Invoice for electronic stencils, dated March 10, 1963.
- Deposit correspondence, dated January 18, 1963.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Benefit performance deposits and receipts, and insurance policy, dated February 28-29, 1964. -Board of Education bill for rehearsal space, dated January 7, 1964. -Bill for post cards, dated February 6, 1964. -Note from Al Davis requesting a check for \$90 in postage, dated January 12, 1964. -Bill for paper, dated January 9, 1964. -Expenses request by Rose D. Slonim, dated January 16, 1964. -Receipt for stationery, dated January 16, 1964. -National Library Week Special Kits receipt, dated February 21, 1964. -Insurance premium bill, dated April 23, 1964. -Bill for operating film and slide show, dated April 21, 1964. -Cleaning bill, dated April 13, 1964. -Bill for decorations rental, dated April 22, 1964. -National Library Week expenses, dated April 20, 1964. -Reimbursement request for postage, dated April 15, 1964. -Bill for film and light show, dated March 25, March 14, 1964. -Bill for printing programs, dated February 26, 1964. -Statement for printing readers, dated February 26, 1964. -Bill for flowers, dated February 28, 1964. -Expenses for Shakespeare performances, dated March 2, 1964. -Deposit notes re: Shakespeare Duet, dated February 23, 16, 9, 1964. -Insurance account bill and note, dated February 12, 1964. -Bill for stationery, dated January 23, 1964. -Letter from Victor R. King requesting tax exempt status, dated February 10, 1964. -Bill for stationery, dated January 14, 1964. -Library benefit expenses, dated February 1, 1964. -Insurance bill, dated January 29, 1964. -Insurance policy for Library Week, dated April 23, 1964. -Bill for film and slideshow, dated May 4, 1964. -Bill for lamps, dated May 19, 1964. -Bill for stationery, dated August 28, 1964. -Reimbursement request for postage, dated December 29, 1964. -Bill for mailing, dated November 6, 1964, January 29, 1964 -2 copies, letter from Victor King regarding the Friends' tax exempt status, dated March 2, 1964. -Letter from Victor King regarding a meeting rescheduling, dated May 13, 1964. Other items from Treasurer's File clipped to back of file folder. 	
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8	Treasurer's File	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tax forms and attachments, dated June 30, 1965. -Bill for mailing, dated January 25, 1965. -Reimbursement request, dated January 10, 1965. -Bill for mailing, dated January 29, 1965. -Reimbursement for mailing, dated January 18, 1965. -Bill for postage, dated April 29, 1965. -Bill for mailing, dated April 26, 1965. -Expenses for annual meeting, dated April 5, 1965. -Deposit slips, dated February 25, 1965, March 25, 1965, and May 26, 1965. -National Library Week billing issues correspondence, dated February 24, 1965. -Financial report, dated March 18, 1965. -Elected officers, dated December 2, 1965. -Reimbursement for postage, dated April 29, 1965. -Bill for mailing, dated May 13, 1966. -Statement for copying and postage, dated April 19, 1966. -Bank statements, dated June 30, 1967, May 31, 1967 (includes ID card), April 28, 1967, March 31, 1967, February 28, 1967, January 31, 1967. -Correspondence, bank account, ID cards, dated December 4, 1967. -Correspondence, officer elections, dated December 13, 1967. -Invoice for bumper stickers (5 stickers with invoice), dated June 3, 1968. -Bill for sculpture from Philip C. Orlando, dated May 8, 1968. -Bill for printing, dated March 8, 1968. -Request for reimbursement, undated. -Reimbursement for postage, dated March 21 and May 16, 1968. -Receipt for food and drink, dated May 28, 1968. -Receipt for gift, dated May 24, 1968. -2 copies, bill for invitations, dated April 19, 1968. -2 copies, bill for programs, dated April 26, 1968. -Bill for flowers, dated April 22, 1968. 	1965-1968	

			-3 copies, statement for party rental, lectern, dated May 3, 1968. -Treasurer's report, dated March 21, 1968.	
	9	Addenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Old catalog cards ◆ Letter to Eileen Meyer, August 2, 1995 ◆ Annual membership form ◆ Meeting minutes, May 11, 2004 ◆ Meeting agenda, June 23, 2004 ◆ Program, 8th Annual Wine Discovery, September 13, 2008 ◆ Clipping, Book Sale, January 16, 2002 	1995-2008

- Non-Slonim donations:
 - FOTPPPL present the 9th Annual Wine Discovery Program, 2011 folder 10