

Guide to the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Friends of the Southern Nevada Libraries
Contributor:	Barkan, Mary Flynn, 1949-
Title:	Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries Records
ID:	MS-00550
Date [inclusive]:	1974-2013
Physical Description:	15.39 Cubic Feet (23 boxes, 1 oversized box, 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	15.48 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries Records (1974-2013) is comprised of the organizational records of the Las Vegas, Nevada based non-profit, Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries (FOSNL). Materials include volunteer information, book sale receipts, funding proposals, thank-you cards, board meeting minutes, correspondence, photographs, newsletters, court proceedings, and promotional materials.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries (FOSNL) was a non-profit organization that provided volunteers and funding to library branches in Clark County, Nevada and the surrounding region from the 1970s until 2013. To raise money, FOSNL collected donated books and sold them at their warehouse and at book stores built in public libraries. Libraries submitted funding proposals to FOSNL for projects such as remodeling, educational programs, new furniture, and help building new libraries, such as the Rainbow Library in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 2008, the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (LVCCLD) and FOSNL ended their partnership due to a legal dispute. FOSNL disbanded in 2013.

Source:

Pope, Jeff. "End in Sight for Library District, Friends." *Las Vegas Sun*, December 16, 2008. <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2008/dec/11/end-sight-lawsuit-between-library-district-friends/>

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Scope and Contents Note

The Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries Records (1974-2013) is comprised of organizational records pertaining to the management of the Las Vegas, Nevada-based non-profit, Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries (FOSNL). Materials include volunteer information, book sale receipts from book stores located in local libraries, proposals for funding from regional library branches, thank you cards from those who were funded, board meeting minutes, correspondence, photographs, newsletters, and promotional fliers, pamphlets, hats, and other ephemera. Materials also include court proceedings and correspondence related to a lawsuit and subsequent legal issues from 2008-2013.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged into three series:

Series I. Administrative records, 1975-2013;

Series II. Financial records, 1974-2012;

Series III. Legal records, 2008-2012.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted due to legal work product and to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the series and box level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 1, 2087. Where use copies for digital materials do not exist, production of use copies is required before access will be granted; this may delay research requests. Advanced notice is required.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2009 and 2013 by Mary Barkan; accession number 2009-05.

Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Billy Marino reboxed and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Nonprofit organizations -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- Library programs
- Public Library -- Nevada -- Clark County -- Las Vegas
- Libraries (buildings)
- Photographs
- Community organization -- Nevada -- Clark County -- History
- Financial records

Collection Inventory

Administrative records, 1975-2013

Physical Description: 10.63 Cubic Feet (15 boxes, 1 oversized box, 1 flat file)

Physical Description: 11.48 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The administrative records series (1975-2013) contains board meeting minutes, budget and expense reports, newsletters, membership and volunteer records, thank you cards, correspondence, plaques, branded merchandise, and photographs. The materials relate to the overall management and outreach of FOSNL.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers
Bookmark, Censorship Matters, Circulator, Communique, and Friends of Libraries U.S.A. newsletters, 1978-2007	box 01

Physical Description: 4 Files	
Board meeting minutes, correspondence, reports, CD, and newspaper clippings, 1975-2013	box 01
Physical Description: 28 Files	box 02
	box 03
	box 04
	box 05
	box 06
Branded merchandise, undated	oversized
Physical Description: 9 Items	box 24
Events and marketing correspondence, fliers, pamphlets, and photographs, 1977-2007	box 06
Physical Description: 14 Files	box 07
	box 08
	box 09
Membership forms, records, correspondence, and news releases, 1977-2009	box 09
Physical Description: 5 Files	
National and local organization informational materials, 1980-1998	box 10
Physical Description: 4 Files	
Operational memorandums, correspondence, fliers, reports, by-laws, CD's, and photographs, 1975-2013	box 10
Physical Description: 7 Files	box 11
Plaques, 1993-2011	oversized
Physical Description: 4 Items	box 24
Rainbow library blueprints, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and opening day guest book and photographs, 1991-1994	box 11
Physical Description: 9 Files	box 12
	box 13
Thank-you cards, correspondence, and photographs, 1988-2010	box 13
Physical Description: 9 Files	box 14
	box 15
	flat file
	25
Volunteer applications, lists of names, luncheon photographs and fliers, certificates, time sheets, name badges, lanyards, pamphlets, CD's, and a laminated poster and poster board celebrating volunteer work, 1980-2008	box 15
Physical Description: 5 Files	oversized
	box 23

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Financial records, 1974-2012

Physical Description: 3.89 Cubic Feet (6 boxes)

Physical Description: 3.25 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The financial records series (1974-2012) contain book store sales records, funding requests, internal purchasing receipts, budget and expense reports, financial statements, and tax forms.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers
Budget and expense reports and financial statements, 1978-2006 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 16
Funding requests, 1974-2008 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 16
Receipts, bills, and monthly reports, 1994-2008 Physical Description: 16 Files	box 16 box 17 box 18 box 19
Tax information, returns, status, and forms, 1981-2012 Physical Description: 6 Files	box 20 box 21
Conditions Governing Access: Materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the box level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 1, 2087.	

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Legal records, 2008-2012

Physical Description: 1.53 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Physical Description: 1.29 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The legal records series (2008-2012) contain court proceedings, pleadings, and correspondence related to legal disputes between FOSNL and LVCCLD.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Access Note: Materials are restricted due to legal work product. Restrictions will be open for research use January 1, 2087.

Title/Description	Containers
Desert Companion article dispute, 2011 March 11-April 15	box 21

Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries Inc. adv. Clark County Library District, pleadings, 2008 April 14-June 23 box 21

Physical Description: 3 Files

Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries vs. Las Vegas-Clark County Library District court proceedings, correspondence, and newspaper clippings, 2008 April 14-2012 March 08 box 21
box 22

Physical Description: 8 Files

box 23

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