



## Guide to the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries Records

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Friends of the Southern Nevada Libraries
<b>Contributor:</b>	Barkan, Mary Flynn, 1949-
<b>Title:</b>	Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries Records
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00550
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1974-2013
<b>Physical Description:</b>	15.39 Cubic Feet (23 boxes, 1 oversized box, 1 flat file)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	15.48 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	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

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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

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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

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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

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### 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

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

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## Collection Inventory

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### 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.

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Title/Description	Containers
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Bookmark, Censorship Matters, Circulator, Communique, and Friends of Libraries U.S.A. newsletters, 1978-2007 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 01
Board meeting minutes, correspondence, reports, CD, and newspaper clippings, 1975-2013 Physical Description: 28 Files	box 01 box 02 box 03 box 04 box 05 box 06
Branded merchandise, undated Physical Description: 9 Items	oversized box 24
Events and marketing correspondence, fliers, pamphlets, and photographs, 1977-2007 Physical Description: 14 Files	box 06 box 07 box 08 box 09
Membership forms, records, correspondence, and news releases, 1977-2009 Physical Description: 5 Files	box 09
National and local organization informational materials, 1980-1998 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 10
Operational memorandums, correspondence, fliers, reports, by-laws, CD's, and photographs, 1975-2013 Physical Description: 7 Files	box 10 box 11
Plaques, 1993-2011 Physical Description: 4 Items	oversized box 24
Rainbow library blueprints, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and opening day guest book and photographs, 1991-1994 Physical Description: 9 Files	box 11 box 12 box 13
Thank-you cards, correspondence, and photographs, 1988-2010 Physical Description: 9 Files	box 13 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 Physical Description: 5 Files	box 15 oversized box 23

oversized  
box 24

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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

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Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries Inc. adv. Clark County Library District, pleadings, 2008 April 14-June 23  
Physical Description: 3 Files

box 21

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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

oversized  
box 23

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