



## Guide to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries Records

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Title:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries Records
<b>ID:</b>	UA-00051
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1959-2016
<b>Physical Description:</b>	235.32 Cubic Feet (300 boxes, 1 oversized box, 2 flat files, 15 unboxed items)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	212.84 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Location:</b>	These materials are stored in off-site storage facility. Advanced notice is required to access these materials.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries Records include reports, subject files, administrative files, communication, and planning records from the James R. Dickinson Library and Lied Library from 1959 to 2015.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

### History of University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries

1955

The first library associated with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) was opened. It was located in the auditorium of the Las Vegas High School. This library was established while UNLV was not yet a separate university from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR).

1957	Maude Frazier Hall was constructed on what would become the UNLV campus and housed the university's library and a part-time librarian was hired.
1959	The library was moved into the newly constructed Archie C. Grant Hall on the UNLV campus and two librarians and two clerical staff members were hired to meet the needs of the growing university.
1962	Planning was begun to build UNLV's first official library building. The building was designed by Las Vegas architect James Brooks McDaniel.
1963	UNLV's first official library building was opened.
1967	The new library building was considered too small and a second and third floor were added. After the expansion the library was named the James R. Dickinson Library after James R. Dickinson, the first full-time member of the University of Nevada's faculty to be assigned to Las Vegas.
1979	Plans were made to build a new library building, to replace the Dickinson Library, began. In 1981 the new building, designed by Las Vegas architect Robert Fielden was complete.
1991	Planning began for a new library with the establishment of the New Library Planning Committee.
1994	The State Legislature approved funding for the design of a new building and the architectural firm Welles-Pugsley and Leo A. Daly of Omaha, Nebraska were awarded the contract.
1997	The State Legislature approve a construction budget for the new library and construction began.
1999	Construction on the new library was completed.

2001	Lied Library was opened to the public. The library was named after the founder of the Lied Charitable Trust, Ernst Lied.
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## Scope and Contents Note

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The University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries Records include reports, subject files, administrative files, human resources records, library space use surveys, communication, and planning records from the James R. Dickinson Library and Lied Library from 1959-2015. The records include information about the establishment of the two libraries, the transition from the James R. Dickinson Library to Lied Library, as well as day-to-day operations and and multiyear planning. The records trace the growth and expansion of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas library system.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Records in the University Archives are open to representatives of the originating office, but are closed to public access until the records have been reviewed for protected information. Protected information includes: personally identifiable information, personal health information, student records, records regarding disciplinary procedures, records that compromise security or operations, legal communications, and legal work product.

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were periodically transferred to the University Archives.

## Processing Note

These records are unprocessed. A summary of materials was created by Maggie Bukowski in 2018. To prepare the summary, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents list, estimate dates, and identify material types. No other work has been performed on the materials. In 2023, Sarah Jones added boxes 292-301 of libraries reproduction work orders and samples to the collection, rehoused the materials out of binders, and added the boxes into ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Library buildings
- Academic librarians
- Libraries (buildings)
- Public Library -- Nevada -- Clark County -- Las Vegas
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas -- History

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Libraries reproduction orders and work samples, 2007 to 2016 Physical Description: 5.42 Linear Feet (10 boxes)	box 292

box 293

box 294

box 295

box 296

box 297

box 298

box 299

box 300

box 301