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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History Center
Creator:	Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation
Title:	Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation records
ID:	Collection 342
Date:	no date
Physical Description:	8.2 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation is the funding arm of the Grand Rapids Public Library in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was created as the Ryerson Library Foundation in the early 1990s and funds numerous programs and projects within the Grand Rapids Public Library. The largest endeavor to date was fundraising for the library building program in the late 1990s to 2003, when the Main Library building reopened after major renovations. The name was changed to the Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation in 2008. This collection includes annual reports, newsletters, photographs and other documents relating to the organization and its board members.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Marcie Lewis, Ryerson Library Foundation, accession numbers 2004.010B and 2006.001.

Processing Information

This collection was partially processed at the time it was published, with many unassigned folders contained within the boxes. Box 2 contained only duplicates, which have since been relocated and the box removed from the collection. Original numbering of boxes remains: Box 1, 3-6.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Coll. 109, The Grand Rapids Public Library Administrative Archives, may include the same documents or contents related to similar projects, after the date of Ryerson's Foundation in the 1990s.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Public libraries -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Libraries -- Gifts, legacies
- records (documents)
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Grand Rapids Public Library (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Collection Inventory

Series. Documents

Library Strategic Plans

Title/Description	Instances
Strategic Directions, 2006-2011. 2007.011	Box 4

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Series. Publications

Annual Reports

Title/Description	Instances
Annual Report, 1992/1993 <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u> Immediate Source of Acquisition 2006.001	Box 1
Annual Report, 1994 <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u> Immediate Source of Acquisition Copy 1: 2006.001 / Copy 2: 00.[5335].1	Box 1
Annual Report, 1995 <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u> Immediate Source of Acquisition 2006.001	Box 1
Annual Report, 1996 <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u> Immediate Source of Acquisition 2006.001	Box 1
Annual Report, 1997 <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u> Immediate Source of Acquisition 2006.001	Box 1
Annual Report, 1998 <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u> Immediate Source of Acquisition 2006.001	Box 1
Annual Report, 1999	Box 1

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

2006.001

Annual Report, 2000 Box 1

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

2006.001

Annual Report, 2001 Box 1

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

2006.001

Annual Report, 2002 Box 1

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

2006.001

Annual Report, 2003 Box 1

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

2006.001

Annual Report, 2004 Box 1

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Copy 1: 2004.010b / Copy 2: 2006.001

Annual Report, 2005 Box 1

Annual Report, 2008. Created in the style of a checkbook. Box 1

Ryerson Reader (newsletter)

Title/Description	Instances
Fall 2005. 2007.011	Box 1

Our Library : A Gift to the Generations

Title/Description	Instances
Our Library : A Gift to the Generations, 2003	Box 1

General

RE: Writing contest winners. Initial pages of the publication include images of the new library & branch libraries after renovation.

Presentation Copy of Our Library : A Gift to the Generations, wrapped in leather, and contained in a special case of white plastic, with rendering of library imprinted.	Box 1
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Series. Projects documentation

Capital Campaign

Library Building Program / Renovation, 1987-

Title/Description	Instances
Main Library Planning Study, Grand Rapids Public Library / Osler-Milling Architects, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan. 21 October 1987. 2006.001	Box Unknown
Scope and Contents	
Includes folded floor plans.	

A Masterplan for the Grand Rapids Public Library / prepared by Aaron Cohen Association, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. Nov. 1989.	Box 3
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Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Copy 1-2: 2006.001

Budget Analysis for Grand Rapids Public Library Renovation / Expansion

Title/Description	Instances
Budget Analysis for Grand Rapids Public Library Renovation / Expansion / Triangle Associates, Inc. Apr. 1995. 2006.001	Box 3

General

Each copy accompanied by [Addendum] correspondence:

- 1 May 17, 1995 c. 1-2
- 2 June 2, 1995 c. 1-2

3 Feb. 8, 1996 c. 1-2

Budget Analysis Update for the Grand Rapids Public Library Renovation / Expansion, May 17, 1995 (10 copies) 2006.001	Box 3
[Plans] Grand Rapids Public Library / Triangle Associates, Inc., Apr. 28, 1995. 2006.001	Box 3
A Library Building Program for the Grand Rapids Main Library, Grand Rapids, Michigan : A Library Building Program / prepared by Providence Associates, Inc., Library Planners & Consultants, Denton, Texas. May 1995 2006.001	Box 3
A Library Building Program for the Grand Rapids Main Library, Grand Rapids, Michigan : Library Building Study / prepared by Providence Associates, Inc., Library Planners & Consultants, Denton, Texas. May 1995 2006.001	Box 3

Graphics

Library Exterior Renovation / FTC & H, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.

Title/Description	Instances
1960s/1970s view of the library from at Fountain & Bostwick depicting Keeler renovation. 2006.001 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 images. Poster on foamcore, oversized. <u>Physical Location</u> : Flat Files	
Gift to the Generations Fund Raising flyer, 2006.001	Box Unknown
Gift to the Generations Fund Raising flyer. Flyer only. This version includes a rendering of the latest plans for Main, without the cone roofs on the towers.	Box 4
Color laser photocopy or print of Ryerson Building entrance, n.d. 2006.001	Box 4

Floor plans on foamcore.

Title/Description	Instances
Original Ryerson Building, [1904] floor plans.	Box 4
Basement. 2006.001	Box 4
First Floor. 2006.001	Box 4
Second floor. 2006.001	Box 4

Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, Jan. 28, 1999 design boards.

Title/Description	Instances
1967. Includes 4 images of furniture from that period, not used in the old building, plus a color scheme. 2006.001	Box 4
Ryerson Entrance. Includes image of old entrance and detail, plus a view toward the interior skylight, along with a sample of the Ryerson carpet pattern. 2006.001	Box 4
Ryerson Periodicals. 2 images of chairs and a color scheme. 2006.001	Box 4
Ryerson Meeting Room. 2 images of chairs, and a color scheme. 2006.001	Box 4
Padnos Sculpture, 2004. Given to the Ryerson Foundation for the GRPL.	
Information page & image from the GRPL Website	Box 1
Email to GRPL.ORG from Marcie Lewis. Jan 4, 2004.	Box 1

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Series. Images & Photographs

Photos. B&W

Title/Description	Instances
Ryerson entrance. B/w photo image. Probably from a postcard. Not date, but possibly early [ca. 1910?] A sign for an exhibit is attached to the building to the left of the entrance. 2006.001	Box 4
Ryerson Building photo images, reproductions.	Box 4

Scope and Contents

Description

- 1 3 oversized prints of the original Ryerson toward the East, showing the building on the corner. "15 min." parking sign at the curb, with people and auto in front. Shows the original rear "stacks" wing.
- 2 1 view of Ryerson building from the park, to the East, showing the same corner building/house center right, and other buildings toward

Fountain Street behind the library. No leaves on the trees.

Black & white photo montage of 5 postcards of the original Ryerson Library and neighborhood. 2006.001 Box 5

Photos. Color Images of GRPL Branches, 2003

Biographical / Historical

These photos were taken during a period where the Ryerson building and several of the branches were renovated

Title/Description	Instances
Main Library	Box 5
West Leonard Branch [new branch]	Box 5
Van Belkum Branch Library [Creston]	Box 5
Seymour Branch [new building]	Box 5
Ottawa Hills Branch	Box 5
Yankee Clipping Branch [no renovation visible]	Box 5
Madison Square Branch [new building]	Box 5
West Side Branch	Box 5

Digital proofs

Title/Description	Instances
Main Library exteriors during renovation, Digital proofs, 4 sheets (Images 0001-0033)	Box 5
Main Library during renovation, mostly interiors, with some exteriors, 3 sheets	Box 5

General

Images 5788, 5789, 5792, 5794, 5796, 5799, 5800-5802, 5804-5805, 5807-5809, 5812-5815, 5817-5820, 5822-5731

Renovation Photosheet sets.

Title/Description	Instances
April 2001	Box 5
May 2001	Box 5
June 2001	Box 5
July 2001	Box 5
September 2001	

Box 5

Color proofs & photos of preconstruction building tour group. [March 2001]

Title/Description	Instances
2 proof sheets. Sheet 1 has 1-35 w 8 missing. Sheet 2 has 1-26, plus 2 added at the end.	Box 5
8 color prints, mostly of tour group rather than the building, but including the 2-R fireplace. These print have Walgreens date 03/28/01.	Box 5
2 sets of 35 mm. Negatives, to be removed to separate housing.	Box 5

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Series. Ryerson Foundation Board.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

2008.035

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Board Member Lists, Notices and Orientation Memos	Box 6
Robert Alt	Box 6
Shirley Daniels	Box 6
Gil Davis	Box 6
Richard VanderVeen	Box 6
Miscellaneous biographical	Box 6
Board packet, March 27, 1994.	Box 6
Adopt A Donor gold forms.	Box 6
Board Memo, Sept. 22, 1994. Tour of New Public Museum	Box 6
Board Packet, Jan. 23, 1996. 4 readings	Box 6
Special Events Data, 1993-1994. Including millage & grant info.	Box 6
Correspondence, Memos and Announcements, 1994-1999	Box 6
Memos, Nancy Douglas, 1996-1997	Box 6
Grand Rapids Foundation. Community Fund Raising Calendar, 1994	Box 6

Grand Rapids Foundation. Community Fund Raising Calendar, 1996	Box 6
Grand Rapids Public Library Documents. GRPL Library Notes, Jan. 1994. (newsletter)	Box 6
Grand Rapids Public Library Documents. Library Director's Report (Bob Raz), March, 1993	Box 6
Grand Rapids Public Library Documents. GRPL memorandum. June 25, 1996. From Sue Squire RE Communications Workshop	Box 6
Grand Rapids Public Library Documents. Exhibit Opening. GRPL, March 1994	Box 6

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