



**University of Missouri-Columbia,
Friends of the University of Missouri Library Papers
(C4320)**

Collection Number: C4320

Collection Title: University of Missouri-Columbia, Friends of the University of Missouri Library Papers

Dates: 1976-1985

Creator: University of Missouri--Columbia. Libraries. Friends

Abstract: The papers consist of correspondence, minutes, memoranda, financial reports, notes, and clippings of the Friends of the University of Missouri Library.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(8 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Virginia M. Botts on April 23, 1984 (Accession No. CA2524).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the University of Missouri-Columbia, Friends of the University of Missouri Library Papers can be found in the following collections:

[Jack Matthews Papers](#), (C4061)

[Virginia G. Young Papers](#), (C4439)

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Historical Note:

On January 16, 1960, a group of MU alumni and friends met for lunch in the Student Union of the University of Missouri-Columbia with Dr. Ralph Parker, Dr. Lewis Atherton, Dean Joe Covington, Dr. Homer Thomas, and Bertis Westfall. In conjunction with the State Historical Society of Missouri, they resolved to organize a group called "Friends of the University of Missouri Library." Within five months, the group had received donations of books and manuscripts from twenty-six benefactors as well as cash gifts of more than \$1,000.00. Today, the Friends group is an association of donors dedicated to developing private support for the MU Libraries.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains materials related to the operations of the Friends of the University of Missouri Library, including constitutions, membership documents, reports, election materials, correspondence, programs, meeting minutes, newsletters, and news clippings.

Container List:

- f. 1 Administrative Material: Friends of the Library Constitution, Administrative Secretary's work suggestions; List of officers and Executive Committee; Amendments to Friend's Constitution; Officer elections; Duties of Secretary and Treasurer; Annual Report for fiscal year 1980-1981. Years covered are 1979-1985.
- f. 2 Annual Meeting Programs, 1979, 1981, and 1982
- f. 3 Correspondence, 1976-1981
- f. 4 Meeting Minutes, 1976-1981
- f. 5 Meeting Minutes, 1978-1982
- f. 6 Newsletters, UMC Libraries, 1978-1982
- f. 7 Newsletters, *Notes*-Friends of the Library, 1978-1984
- f. 8 Newspaper Clippings: Book drives; Luncheons; Announcements; Ellis Library storage plan controversy; Dispute between MU Library Director John Gribbin and President of the Friends of the Library, Missouri Supreme Court Justice Warren Welliver. 1976-1982

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