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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Professor of library science, Columbia University, 1926-1948.

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Summary

Professional correspondence, notes, clippings, pamphlets, photographs, publications, and related printed materials of Reece. Although the collection spans Reece's career, the early years are sparsely documented. Half of the collection deals with his monograph and periodical publications, including book reviews of them. There are letters from prominent American librarians, with numerous letters from Robert B. Downs and Jack Dalton. Many of these are

letters congratulating him on being the first recipient of the Melvil Dewey Professorhip at Columbia and upon his retirement. Also, many handwritten drafts of his letters.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Library education
- Librarians -- United States
- Photographic prints
- College teachers
- Downs, Robert B. (Robert Bingham), 1903-1991
- Dalton, Jack, 1908-
- Columbia University -- Faculty

Collection Inventory

Series I: Explanations

Title/Description	Instances	
Contents (as follows)	box 1	folder 1
Disposal of collection	box 1	folder 2

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Series II: E.J.R. Carreer

Title/Description	Instances	
Vitae (in brief)	box 1	folder 3
Case Western University--School of Library Science **Scope and Contents** Student	box 1	folder 4
Cleveland Public Library **Scope and Contents** Reference Department Assistant	box 1	folder 5
Oberlin Theological Seminary **Scope and Contents** Student	box 1	folder 6
Oahu College **Scope and Contents** Librarian and teacher	box 1	folder 7
University of Illinois--Graduate School of Library Science **Scope and Contents** Instructor, Visiting Professor, Acting Associate Director, Summer Session Instructor	box 1	folder 8
Library School of the New York Public Library **Scope and Contents** Principal	box 1	folder 9
Columbia University--School of Library Service Physical Description: 2 folders **Scope and Contents** Associate Professor, Professor, Associate Dean, Summer Session Instructor, Melvil Dewey Professor, Professor Emeritus	box 1	folder 10-11
Dayton and Montgomery County (Ohio) Public Library	box 1	folder 12

Scope and Contents

Assistant- and Acting- Librarian

Teaching and Rating	box 1	folder 13
Retirement and Retirement Activities	box 1	folder 14
Appreciations	box 1	folder 15
Who's Who	box 1	folder 16

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Series III: Professional Relations

Subseries III.1: Organizations

Title/Description	Instances	
American Library Association	box 1	folder 16A
Association of American Library Schools	box 1	folder 17
New York Library Club	box 1	folder 18
New York, Illinois, and Ohio Library Associations	box 1	folder 19
Arehons of Colophon	box 1	folder 20
American Association of University Professors	box 1	folder 21

Subseries III.2: Associates

Title/Description	Instances	
Some familiar colleagues	box 1	folder 22
C.C. Williamson	box 2	folder 23
Remembered contemporaries and/or leaders	box 2	folder 24

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Series IV: E.J.R. Honors

Title/Description	Instances	
Phi Beta Kappa	box 2	folder 25
Beta Phi Mu	box 2	folder 26
Beta Phi Mu Award	box 2	folder 27

Scope and Contents

Beta Phi Mu award for distinguished service to education for librarianship, presented by the Library Education Division of the American Library Association.

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Series V: E.J.R. Writings

Subseries V.1: Books and Booklets

Scope and Contents

Books and booklets, mainly on education for librarianship in general. (Items shipped separately in small package, but folders marked as immediately following hold matter bearing upon their publication.)

Title/Description	Instances	
State documents for libraries	box 2	folder 28
Scope and Contents No copy available		
Some possible developments in library education	box 2	folder 29
Curriculum in library schools	box 2	folder 30
Programs for library schools	box 2	folder 31
Task and training of librarians	box 2	folder 32

Subseries V.2: Pamphlets, Leaflets, Clippings, and Unpublished Pieces

Scope and Contents

Pamphlets, leaflets, clippings, and unpublished pieces on aspects of Education for Librarianship.

Title/Description	Instances	
General	box 2	folder 33
Curriculum and teaching	box 2	folder 34
Management	box 2	folder 35
Research	box 2	folder 36
Recruiting	box 2	folder 37
Individual Library Schools		
Case Western Reserve University--School of Library Science	box 3	folder 38

University of Illinois--Graduate School of Library Science	box 3	folder 39
Library School of the New York Public Library	box 3	folder 40
Columbia University--School of Library Service	box 3	folder 41
Schools above collectively	box 3	folder 42

Subseries V.3: Reports of Surveys and/or Studies

Title/Description	Instances	
Fisk University Library, Nashville, Tennessee	box 3	folder 43
Deeatur (Illinois) Public Library (Building and Plant)	box 3	folder 44
Bethel College College and Seminary Library, St. Paul, Minnesota	box 3	folder 45
University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science	box 3	folder 46
Scope and Contents Curriculum framework and…courses		

Subseries V.4: Scattered Papers

Title/Description	Instances	
College and University Library News, 1917-1944	box 3	folder 47
Scope and Contents Programming of reports omitted 1922-1924 and 1927-1929		
Library buildings	box 3	folder 48
Library administration	box 3	folder 49
Book reviews and notes	box 3	folder 50
Hawaiian libraries	box 3	folder 51
Some remembered leaders	box 3	folder 52
Committee reports	box 3	folder 53
Scope and Contents As prepared by chairmen		
Advice on dissertations	box 3	folder 54
Random items	box 3	folder 55
Detailed list of writings	box 3	folder 56

Subseries V.5: "The Adelbert", 1901-1903

Scope and Contents

Appended to the collection as designated above are two unbound volumes (1901 - 1903) of "The Adelbert" college literary (?) magazine embodying work by E.J.R. Its editing for one year may be regarded as semi-professional, since it turned out to be the precursor of several later comparable tasks for libraries, library associations, and library schools.

Title/Description	Instances	
"The Adelbert", 1901-1902	box 3	folder 57
"The Adelbert", 1903-1903	box 3	folder 58

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