

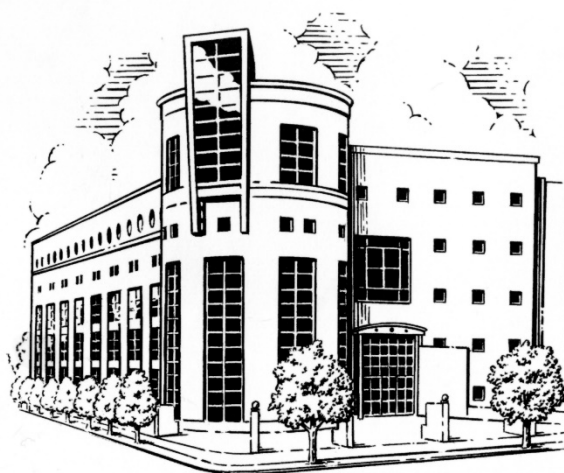
## Health Sciences and Human Services Library Records

**Dates Created:** 1904-2020

**Bulk Dates:** 1940-2013

**Extent:** 20.96 linear feet or 13 clamshell boxes, 1.5 filing cabinet drawers, 2 oversized map file drawers, 1 shelf

**Creators:** University of Maryland, Baltimore. Health Sciences and Human Services Library.; University of Maryland, Baltimore. Health Sciences Library.; University of Maryland at Baltimore. Health Sciences Library



**Subjects:** University of Maryland, Baltimore. Health Sciences and Human Services Library.; University of Maryland, Baltimore. Health Sciences Library.; University of Maryland at Baltimore. Health Sciences Library; University of Maryland (1812-1920); University of Maryland (1921-1988); University of Maryland at Baltimore; University of Maryland, Baltimore; University of Maryland School of Medicine Library--History; University of Maryland, Baltimore. Health Sciences and Human Services Library--History; Medical libraries--Maryland--Baltimore--History; University of Maryland, Baltimore. Health Sciences and Human Services Library--Newsletters; Libraries, Medical--Maryland--Baltimore; University of Maryland at Baltimore. Health Sciences Library--Anniversaries, etc.; University of Maryland, Baltimore. Health Sciences and Human Services Library--Anniversaries, etc.

### **Abstract:**

The Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HS/HSL) is one of two libraries on the University of Maryland, Baltimore's campus. The library traces its history back to 1813 and is believed to be the oldest library attached to a School of Medicine in the country. This collection contains materials from the HS/HSL including photographs, newsletters, and annual reports. The collection includes materials on the planning and building of two library buildings, as well as anniversary celebrations. The collection provides a glimpse into the history of the library and the University.

### **Administrative History:**

The Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HS/HSL) is located on the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus. It was founded in 1813 with the purchase of a collection of 300 to 450 books from Eliza Godefroy, the daughter of Dr. John Crawford, former lecturer of Natural History at the school. Dr. Crawford was an avid medical book collector; the medical school faculty recognized the value of this collection and donated the \$500 necessary to purchase his collection when he passed in 1813. The purchase of this collection founded the medical library at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and was the precursor to the HS/HSL.

The new library was first housed in the School of Medicine Building on the corner of Greene and Lombard Streets, today's Davidge Hall, and was opened to student use in 1815. For the first 100 years, the library was maintained through private donations and an annual budget of \$50 to purchase new items. Branch libraries for the Pharmacy and Dentistry schools also formed in their own spaces. In 1903

the first librarian, Dr. Eugene F. Cordell, was appointed. Dr. Cordell was the Chair of the History of Medicine at the school; he held the position of librarian until his death in 1913.

During Dr. Cordell's tenure, the library moved to a former church, the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church also on Lombard and Greene Streets. The building was named Davidge Hall, after the first dean of the medical school, Dr. John Beale Davidge. In 1914, Ruth L. Briscoe was named the new librarian in the medical library. She was the first professionally trained librarian at the school and oversaw many renovations, grew the collections, and began circulating the volumes. Briscoe held the position of medical and head librarian until 1946.

Following Ruth L. Briscoe's retirement, Ida M. Robinson was hired as head librarian. During her term the libraries of the school of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and nursing were reunited under one roof. This along with a growing student body necessitated a new library building, which was constructed at 111 S. Greene Street and opened in 1960. The new building and library was named the Health Sciences Library (HSL). Both Briscoe and Robinson were instrumental in writing the history of the library to this point. In 1965, Robinson retired and Hilda E. Moore was hired as director of the HSL, which she held until 1976 when Cyril C.H. Feng was hired.

Feng ushered in a new era for the library when he introduced an integrated library system (ILS) to the HSL. The ILS created an online library catalog, which allowed the library staff to discard the paper-based catalog in 1985. It also allowed for easier searches. Following Feng's death in 1990, Frieda O. Weise was hired as director of the HSL.

During Weise's tenure planning and construction began on a new library building. In 1998, the library moved to 601 W. Lombard Street, the current location. The library also expanded its name from the Health Sciences Library to include Human Services, reflecting the changing nature of the professional degrees (addition of Social Work) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Since the opening of the new building the library has seen even more changes as library services became more available via the internet. In 2004, M.J. Tooley was named the new library director. Under Tooley, the building has undergone additional renovations to accommodate new technologies and new campus partners. Today the library serves six of the seven professional schools at the University of Maryland, Baltimore and has a vibrant exhibit and event schedule.

#### *Head Librarians and Library Directors*

Eugene F. Cordell 1903-1913

Ruth L. Briscoe 1914-1946

Ida M. Robinson 1946-1964

Hilda E. Moore 1965-1976

Cyril C.H. Feng 1977-1990

Frieda O. Weise 1991-2003

M.J. Tooley 2004-Present

#### **Scope and Content:**

12 boxes, 2 filing cabinet drawers, 1 map drawer;

This collection is divided into 14 series: 1) Reports, 1914-2008 with three sub-series a) Annual reports, 1914-2008; b) Monthly Division Reports, 1992-2008; c) Strategic Plans, 1993-2020; 2) History, 1938-1962, and undated; 3) Anniversaries, 1963, 1988, 2013 with three sub-series a) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, b)

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and c) 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; 4) Buildings, 1948-1998 with two sub-series a) 111 S. Greene Street Building, 1948-1962 and b) 601 W. Lombard Street Building, 1990-1998; 5) Newsletters and Bulletins, 1948-2006 with five sub-series a) *Library News*, 1948-1953; b) *Titles and Trends*, 1954-1957; c) *Biblio-Bulletin*, 1965-1967 d) *Health Sciences Library Bulletin*, 1979-1983; e) *HSL Newsletter*, 1980-1991; f) *HSL Unplugged*, 1997-2006; g) *News: Maryland Aging Exchange*, 1980-1981; 6) Photographs, 1928-2003 with two sub-series a) Photo Books and Albums, 1984-1998 and b) Photographs, 1928-2003 and undated; 7) Newspaper Clippings, 1904-1999 and undated; 8) Library Administration (1954-1991 and undated); 9) Policies (1976-1984); 10) Classification System and Catalog, 1914-1985; 11) Events, 1988-2018 and undated; 12) National Network of Libraries and Medicine (1996-2011); 13) Blueprints and Architectural Plans; and 14) Audio Visual Materials 1988, 1994 and undated.

## **Series:**

### **Series 1 – Reports, 1914-2020**

Filing Cabinet A&B Drawer 4, Box 1; 132 Folders

Sub-series a) Annual Reports (1914-2008): Box 1, 6 folders; Filing Cabinet 1, Drawer 4; 80 folders;

Sub-series b) Monthly Division Reports (1992-2008): Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 4; 42 folders;

Sub-Series c) Strategic Plans (1993-2020): Filing Cabinet 2, Drawer 4; 10 folders

Sub-series a) Annual Reports contains the yearly reports for the library beginning with the Medical library in 1914. This sub-series includes annual reports for individual library departments, including Information and Instructional services (1984-2005) and division libraries including Psychiatry (1952-1959), Nursing (1946-1959), and Medical (1914-1937). It also includes the annual reports for the University Libraries (1951-1973) when the campuses at Baltimore and College Park were merged. Finally the annual reports include the reports for the HS/HSL from 1977, 1980, 1991 to 2008.

#### *Container Listing:*

##### *Box 1*

##### Medical Library

1914

1917

1919

1925

Library Statistics – 1914-1927

Director Reports – 1935, 1937

##### *File Cabinet A, Drawer 4*

##### Psychiatric Library

1952-1953

1953-1954

1954-1955

1955-1956

1956-1957

1957-1958

1958-1959

##### Nursing Library

1946-1947  
1947-1948  
1948-1949  
1949-1950  
1950-1951  
1951-1952  
1952-1953  
1953-1954  
1954-1955  
1955-1956  
1956-1957  
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1958-1959

University Libraries (Baltimore and College Park)

1951-1952  
1952-1953  
1953-1954  
1954-1955  
1955-1956  
1956-1957  
1957-1958  
1959-1960  
1962-1963  
1965-1966  
1966-1967  
1967-1968  
1968-1969  
1970-1971  
1971-1972  
1972-1973

HS/HSL (Removed from Binders and exact photocopy duplicates disposed of)

1977-1978  
1980  
FY 1991-1992  
FY 1992-1993  
FY 1993-1994 – Includes Published *A Blueprint for the Future* volume  
FY 1994-1995  
FY 1995-1996  
FY 1996-1997  
FY 1997-1998  
FY 1998-1999 – Includes published *A Year of Accomplishment* volume  
FY 1999-2000  
FY 2000-2001  
FY 2001-2002  
FY 2006-2007 – Published *Partnering Throughout the Campus and Beyond*  
FY 2007-2008 – Published *The Library as Place...*

*Filing Cabinet B, Drawer 4*

HS/HSL Information and Instructional Services

FY 1984-1985  
FY 1985-1986  
FY 1986-1987  
FY 1987-1988  
FY 1988-1989  
FY 1989-1990  
FY 1990-1991 (2 Folders)  
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FY 1996-1997  
FY 1997-1998  
FY 1998-1999  
FY 1999-2000  
FY 2000-2001  
FY 2001-2002  
FY 2003-2004 (2 Folders)  
FY 2004-2005

Sub-series b) contains the monthly division reports for the HS/HSL from 1992 to 2008.

*Container Listing:*

*Filing Cabinet A, Drawer 4*

2008 – 2 months  
2007  
2006  
2005  
2004  
2003  
2002  
2001  
2000  
1999  
1998  
1997  
1996  
1995  
1994  
1993 – 1 month  
1992 – 2 months

Sub-series c) contains the HS/HSL's strategic plans, yearly from 1993 to 2003 and then a five-year plan from 2015-2020.

*Container Listing:*

*Filing Cabinet B, Drawer 4*

FY 1993-1994  
FY 1994-1995  
FY 1996-1997  
FY 1997-1998  
FY 1998-1999  
FY 1999-2000  
FY 2000-2001  
FY 2001-2002  
FY 2002-2003  
2015-2020

**Series 2 – History, 1938-1990 and undated**

Box 1; 11 Folders

The histories in this series are published and unpublished and include written histories on the individual libraries and library departments as well as the buildings and library collections.

*Container Listing:*

BCDS Library – 1939  
Special Libraries Association Meeting Remarks -- 1942  
1949-1950 Library Survey  
Anatomy Library – 1956  
1960s Building  
Davidge Hall  
Nursing Library – 1947  
Grieves Library Foundation  
Bulletin of the School of Medicine Articles – 1938  
Notes  
Milestones & Timelines

**Series 3 – Anniversaries, 1963, 1988, 2013**

Boxes 1-2; 16 Folders

Sub-series a) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1963; Box 1, 2 folders

Sub-series b) 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1988; Box 1, 9 folders; Box 2, 4 folders

Sub-series c) 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2013; Box 2, 1 folder

Each of the sub-series include invitations, planning documents, programs, and other relevant materials for each of the anniversaries.

*Container Listing:*

*Box 1*

Sub-series a) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Sesquicentennial) – 1963 (2 folders)

Sub-series b) 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1988

Guest Book  
Ephemera  
Brochures/Flyers  
Road to Excellence Event  
Milestone Documents  
Donations  
Open House Event  
Library Planning Groups  
Planning Notes

*Box 2*

Planning Minutes  
Library Day Proclamation  
PR Materials & Costs  
PR Materials

Sub-Series c) 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2013 (1 folder)

**Series 4 – Buildings, 1948-1998**

Boxes 2-3; 31 folders

Sub-series a) 111 S. Greene Street Building, 1948-1962; Boxes 2-3, 15 folders

Sub-series b) 601 W. Lombard Street Building 1990-1998; Box 3, 17 folders

Sub-series a) 111 S. Greene Street contains the preliminary planning documents and dedication materials for the Health Sciences Library located at this address. The planning documents date from 1948 and include meeting minutes, architectural drawings which were removed and placed in a map drawer in the storage room with the other blueprints and architectural plans for the library. The library was dedicated in April 1962, materials from the dedication are included in this sub-series.

*Container Listing:*

*Box 2*

Preliminary Planning, 1948-1955 (6 folders)  
Preliminary Planning, Architect, 1954-1956 & undated (3 folders)  
Correspondence, 1952-1960  
Dedication, 1962  
Dedication Book, 1962  
Dedication Book Drafts, 1962

*Box 3*

PR Materials

Sub-series b) 601 W. Lombard Street Building contains preliminary planning documents, groundbreaking materials, and dedication materials for the current HS/HSL location. The planning documents date from 1990 and include space planning materials, University System wide publications, and library symposium documents. The library groundbreaking occurred in May 1996 and dedication occurred in September 1998. Materials related to these events include invitations, public relations materials, and fundraising items.

*Container Listing:*

### **Box 3**

Preliminary Planning, Space Study, 1990  
Preliminary Planning, 1991-1993  
Preliminary Planning, Technology Report, 1991  
Preliminary Planning, Fundraising, 1991  
Preliminary Planning, Advisory Committee, 1992-1994  
Preliminary Planning, Request for Proposal, 1992  
Preliminary Planning, Design Meetings, 1993-1994  
Preliminary Planning, Symposium: Building Library/Information Center of the Future, 1994-1995  
Groundbreaking, 1996  
Library Dedication, 1998  
Dedication Book, 1998  
PR Handouts, 1998  
Fundraising, 1999

### **Series 5 -- Newsletters/Bulletins, 1948-2006**

Boxes 4-7; 47 folders, 1 bound volume

Sub-series a) *Library News* (1948-1953); Box 4, 7 folders  
Sub-series b) *Titles and Trends* (1954-1957); Box 4, 4 folders  
Sub-series c) *Biblio-Bulletin* 1965-1967; Boxes 4-5, 3 folders, 1 bound volume  
Sub-Series d) *Health Sciences Library Bulletin* (1979-1983); Boxes 5-6, 10 folders  
Sub-series e) *HSL Newsletter* (1980-1991); Boxes 6-7, 12 folders  
Sub-series f) *HS/HSL Unplugged* (1997-2006); Box 7, 10 folders  
Sub-series g) *News: Maryland Aging Exchange* (1980-1981); Box 7, 1 folder

Materials in this series include newsletters and bulletins produced by the Medical Library, Health Sciences Library and the Health and Human Services Library. The bulletins and newsletters include updates about events, exhibits, materials, and library changes.

### **Series 6 – Photographs, 1928-2003**

Boxes 7-10; 65 folders; Storage room shelving unit M, 5 photo books; Oversized Map Drawer #4, 1 photograph

Sub-series a) Photo Books and Albums, 1984-1998; 5 volumes, unboxed  
Sub-series b) Photographs, 1928-2003, and undated; Boxes 7-10, 65 folders; Oversized Map Drawer #4

Sub-series a) Photo Books and Albums contains five volumes. The first volume is from 1984-1985 and contains photographs from the 1984 End of Year Party and “The Great Discard” from 1985, when the card catalog was replaced with a computer catalog. The second volume contains photographs from the 1985 “Great Discard” and the installation of Frieda Weise as director of the Health Sciences Library in 1991. The final three volumes include photographs of the construction, groundbreaking, dedication, and move into the 601 W. Lombard Street building. One volume includes construction photographs taken by Newman Video & Photographic Services of Reisterstown, MD.

#### *Container Listing:*

*Unboxed, shelf in storage room*



End of year party, 1984 & "The Great Discard" Card Catalog Removal, 1985  
"The Great Discard" Card Catalog Removal, 1985 & Frieda Weise Installed as director, 1991  
Building Groundbreaking and Construction, 1996-1997  
Newman Video & Photographic Services Construction Photos, 1996  
601 Building – Move and opening, 1998

Sub-series b) Photographs, 1928-2003 & undated contains loose photographs and negatives. Photographs of the interior and exterior of the various buildings are included as well as influential events such as building groundbreakings and dedications, as well as celebrations such as retirement parties, holiday parties, exhibits, etc.

*Container Listing:*

*Boxes 7-10, Oversized Map Drawer #4*

*Box 7*

Original Library Building – "Davidge Hall", undated  
111 S. Greene Street Building, undated  
Negatives, undated  
1928  
Original Library Building – "Davidge Hall", 1930s  
Exhibits 1942 (2 folders)  
Nursing Library, 1940s-1950s  
Dental & Pharmacy Library, 1940s-1950s

*Box 8*

Undated, 1950s?  
Library Move, 1956  
1957  
1958  
Building, 1958-1963  
Library Construction, 1959  
Undated, 1960s?  
Sesquicentennial, 1963  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Hilda Moore, 1963  
1964  
Beatrice Marriott Retirement Exhibit, 1968  
No date, 1970s?  
Overdue Books Event, 1970s?  
No date, 1980s?  
Systems & Automation Department Christmas Party, 1982  
1984  
"The Great Discard", 1985  
ILS Retired, 1986  
1987  
1988  
Computer Room, Summer 1988  
Christmas Party, 1988

1989  
Undated, 1990s?

*Box 9*

1990  
Clarice Lee Retirement, January 1990  
Christmas Party, 1990  
Library Award Party, May 1992  
Adopt-a-Family, 1992  
Roof Leak, March 1993  
Planning Sessions & Information Services Retreat, 1993  
Roof Leaks, January 1994  
Information Services Christmas Party, 1994  
Christmas Party, 1995  
Sarah Atkins Retirement Party, June 1996  
Lynette Ralph Farewell Party, June 1996  
601 W. Lombard Street Building Groundbreaking -- 1996  
1997  
601 Building Construction, 1997 (2 folders)

*Box 10*

601 Building New, 1998  
Car Accident, 1998  
601 Building Opening, 1998  
601 Building Opening, September 1998  
Author Reception, December 1998  
601 Building 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday, 1999  
Dr. Seuss Day, 1999  
Historical Suite Dedication, June 1999  
1999  
Christmas Lunch, December 16, 1999  
Undated, 2000s?  
2000  
Dr. Seuss Day, April 2000  
2001  
2002  
Photos used in Frieda Weise's Retirement Party, 2003  
2003  
Historical Collection Leak, undated

*Oversized Map Drawer #4*

Julie Gilliam photograph of the 601 W. Lombard Building

**Series 7 – Newspaper Clippings, 1904-1999 and undated**

Boxes 10-11, 28 folders

Materials in this series contain newspaper clippings from local and national newspapers about the library. They include coverage of the two library's openings and include high praise on the 601 building when it was opened.

**Series 8 – Library Administration 1954-1991 and undated**

Boxes 11-12, 7 folders

This series contains materials related to the administration of the library including budgeting materials, letterhead and bookplates. It also includes a folder from the 1970 decision to make Librarians faculty members.

*Container Listing:*

*Box 11*

- Budgeting
- Librarian Conferences
- Librarians as Faculty, 1970 (2 folders)

*Box 12*

- Librarians as Faculty, 1970
- Letterhead & Bookplates
- HSL Staff Association

**Series 9 – Policies, 1976-1984**

Box 12, 8 folders

This series contains Health Sciences Library polices and draft policies from 1976 to 1984. It includes both library operations and personnel policies.

*Container Listing:*

- Technical Services
- Reference
- Interlibrary Loan
- Collection Development
- Personnel (2 folders)
- Circulation
- General

**Series 10 – Classification System, Catalog, and Collection Development, 1914-1985**

Box 12, 6 folders, 1 bound volume

Materials in this series are located in Box 12. This series contains an inventory of books from 1914 to 1932, correspondence with the College of Physicians and Surgeons about their book collection, information on the consolidation of the Dental and Pharmacy library, and materials from the 1985 Library Card Catalog discard and new computer catalog.

*Container Listing:*

1915-1927

Medical Library Classification Book/Inventory 1914-1932  
Dental & Pharmacy Library Consolidation, 1951  
Purchase recommendations and additions, 1926 and undated  
"A Proposal for the Strategic Planning of an Integrated Academic Information Management System for UMAB", 1983  
Library Catalog Discard, 1985  
Library Catalog Screenshots, 1985

**Series 11 – Events, 1941-2018 and undated**

Oversized map drawer #4; Box 13, 5 folders,

This series includes flyers and other public relations materials for HSL and HS/HSL sponsored events and exhibits from 1941 to 2018. It also includes materials from events focused exclusively on library staff.

*Container Listing:*

*Oversized Map Drawer #4*

Mayor Proclamation of Health Sciences Library Day, 1985  
Governor Proclamation of Health Sciences Library Day, 1988

*Container Listing:*

*Box 13*

Library Retreat, 1988  
Governor Appreciation, 1992  
PR Programs, Brochures, Handouts, & Flyers, 1995-2018 (2 folders)  
Exhibit Materials, 1941, 1998-2018

**Series 12 – National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM), 1996-2016**

Box 13, 1 folder

The HS/HSL is a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) and serves as the Regional Medical Library (SML) for the Southeaster/Atlantic (SEA) region since 1983. This series includes materials from this membership.

**Series 13 – Blueprints and Architectural Plans, 1950s-2000s**

Oversized map drawers #4 and #9 in storage room

The blueprints and architectural plans and building sketches are for both the 111 S. Greene Street and 601 W. Lombard Street buildings. They include original architectural plans for both of the buildings as well as renovations of the buildings. The building sketches are in map drawer #4 with blueprints and architectural drawings in map drawer #9.

**Series 14 – Audio Visual Materials, 1988, 1994, and undated**

Storage room shelving unit M, 14 VHS tapes

Materials in this series are unboxed. This series contains recorded oral history interviews, a Davidge Hall lecture, the 1988 175<sup>th</sup> Library Anniversary rededication, and the April 1994 symposium "Building the Library Information Center of the Future."

**Arrangement:** Thematic or format and then chronological when possible

**Access Restrictions:** This collection is open for research.

**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

**Custodial History:** These materials were added to and collected by the historical collections librarians of the Health Sciences and Human Services Library at the University of Maryland. Materials in the collection were scattered throughout the Historical and Special Collections to create the records collection.

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**Related Collections:**

Ruth L. Briscoe Papers

Ida M. Robinson Papers

Hilda E. Moore Papers

Cyril C.H. Feng Papers

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