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Guide to the

Arthur Elmore Bostwick records

1901-1909

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Summary

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Title: Arthur Elmore Bostwick records

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Abstract: Administrative records from the office of Arthur Elmore Bostwick, Chief of the Circulation Department of The New York Public Library from 1901-1909.

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Creator History

Arthur Bostwick (1860-1942) was Head Librarian of the New York Free Circulating Libraries from 1895-1897. In 1901 he was hired by John Shaw Billings, first Director of The New York Public Library, to establish NYPL's Circulation Department (renamed the Branch Libraries in 1966). He was Chief of the Circulation Department until 1909 when he left to become head of the St. Louis Public Library.

Scope and Content Note

Records consist of memoranda, financial documents, brochures and other materials relating to the establishment of The New York Public Library Circulation Department. There is information regarding sites for branch libraries constructed with funding from Andrew Carnegie, Circulation Department regulations, staffing and a model school library.

Key Terms

Subjects

Branch libraries -- New York (State) -- New York

Libraries -- New York (State) -- New York

Public libraries -- New York (State) -- New York

Names

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Bostwick, Arthur E. (Arthur Elmore), 1860-1942

New York Public Library. Circulation Department. Chief

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