



TITLE: Tucson Children's Museum Restoration collection

DATE RANGE: 1899-1995 (bulk 1990-1995)

CALL NUMBER: MS 1512

LOCATION: Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear ft. (2 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Preston Godfrey, 2014.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The Tucson Carnegie Free Library building was a product of the Carnegie Library program, which constructed libraries in over 1400 communities across the U.S. Henry C. Trost was chosen as architect for the Tucson library and construction began in 1900 at 200 S. 6th Street. A second level was added by Roy Place Architects in 1938. In 1957, the library changed its name from the Tucson Carnegie Free Library to simply the Tucson Public Library, serving as the city's main library. The Tucson Public Library occupied the building until 1990.

In April 1991 the Tucson City Council agreed to lease the Carnegie Building to the Tucson Children's Museum, which was previously housed in the Historic "Y" at University and Fifth Avenue. A grant was received to restore the library to its original 1938 appearance, and the Tucson Children's Museum was able to greatly expand its programming and exhibits.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains correspondence, documents and photographs documenting the restoration of the Tucson Carnegie Free Library for use by the Tucson Children's Museum during the early 1990s. Correspondence is related to general preservation of Tucson buildings, preparation for conversion to the Tucson Children's Museum, construction progress, and project budget. Newspaper clippings, excerpts and other ephemera in the collection is primarily related to the chronology of the building and architect Henry C. Trost. Invoices and legal documents relate to the restoration and ownership of the building.

The collection also includes research documents related to the preservation and conversion of the Carnegie Library buildings, including annotated portions of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, notes on the project's design intent, as well as objectives, challenges and solutions. Also included are copies of the preservation study to restore Carnegie Library to its original condition by the City of Tucson and a report on the California Historic Carnegie Library Project by Lucy Kortum.

Lastly, this collection contains photo documentation depicting conditions of the Carnegie Library Building before and during construction, as requested by the Tucson Historical Commission.

SUBJECT TERMS: Tucson Children's Museum (Ariz.); Carnegie Free Library (Tucson, Ariz.) -- History; Children's museums -- Arizona -- Tucson; Public libraries -- Arizona; Photographs

RELATED MATERIALS: None.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Correspondence	1990-1995
	2	Clippings and ephemera	1899-1995
	3	Invoices and legal documents	1991
	4	Research and planning documents	1991-1994
	5	City of Tucson: Carnegie Library preservation study	undated
	6	California Historic Carnegie Library Project	1991
	7	Photographs: exterior	1991
	8	Photographs: exterior details	1991
2	1	Photographs: interior	1991
	2	Photographs: interior details	1991
	3	Photographs: lobby	1991
	4	Negatives	1991