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**SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION RECORDS**

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SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION RECORDS

I

The organizational records of the South Carolina Library Association (SCLA) were deposited with the Winthrop University Department of Archives and Special Collections on December 19, 1980.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 19 ft., 8500 pieces  
Approximate number of pieces: 37,000

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Scope and Content Note: **This collection consists primarily of detailed organizational records of the South Carolina Library Association (S.C.L.A.) for the period 1915-1981. Financial records of the organization are included. Comprehensive information concerning the S.C.L.A.'s annual conventions from 1915 until 1981 is present. Various projects in which S.C.L.A. participated (e.g. Tennessee Valley Library Council Survey, S.C.L.A. Loan Fund, National Library Week) are well-documented. Publications of the organization as well as other professional publications are included in the collection. Correspondence of the association's president, treasurer, and secretary is found in this collection. S.C.L.A. was founded in 1915 with the purpose "to stimulate throughout South Carolina an interest in free public libraries and to promote the establishment of such libraries in all communities so that good books may be readily accessible to the people of all classes in every community in the State." The purpose has evolved since "to arouse and stimulate an interest in the development of libraries, to be a medium of information in (that) regard..., and to bring into touch her library force that they may gather additional strength and inspiration for the work."**<sup>1</sup>

Transfer of Items: N/A

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<sup>1</sup> South Carolina Library Association webpage (2021). <https://www.scla.org/history-of-the-association>

## II

### ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

- 1915        On October 27, a group of librarians and other interested individuals met at the University of South Carolina Library to organize the South Carolina Library Association. Twenty-four persons became charter members of the organization, and R.M. Kennedy was elected the association's first president.
- 1922        Louise McMaster was elected the first female president of SCLA at the organization's annual convention held in Darlington, S.C.
- 1946        SCLA's annual Convention was convened in Asheville, N.C. on October 25. This convention was the first one to take place outside South Carolina.
- 1950        Naomi Derrick was elected SCLA president October 14 at a convention held in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1967        The association's first three day convention occurred October 5-7 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Josephine Crouch was elected the organization's president.
- 1971        J. Mitchell Reames became the only SCLA president to have been elected for two non-consecutive terms. Previously, Mr. Reames served as association president in 1949.
- 1981        The SCLA held a joint convention in Charlotte, N.C. with North Carolina's Library Association.

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**DESCRIPTION OF SERIES**

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
<b>A) SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SCLA) ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS</b>			
1	1-2	SCLA CONSTITUTIONS Consists of copies of the association's constitutions and amendments. In chronological order.	1934-1977
2	3-5	SCLA BUDGETS Consists of copies of proposed and approved budgets for the organization. In chronological order.	1961-1979
3	6-10	SCLA TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORTS Consists of monthly and periodic statements issued by the association's treasurer detailing the financial status of the organization. In chronological order.	1940-1978
4	11-12	SCLA AUDIT REPORTS Consists of annual reports from the organization's Auditing Committee which was initially authorized to review the association's solvency. Consists also of more recent annual reports from various Certified Public Accountants who examined the financial condition of the organization. In chronological order.	1956-1978
5-8	13-21	SCLA MEMBERSHIP LISTS Consists of listings of dues paying members of the association. Also includes listing of libraries in SC during the period 1918-1937. In chronological order.	1915-1981
9	22-23	SCLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS Consists of listings of the members of the organization's governing board. Includes the names and positions of committee members. In chronological order.	1940-1981
10-14	24-34	SCLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Consists of the approved minutes and agendas of the executive committee sessions. In chronological order.	1935-1981
15-20	35-63	SCLA COMMITTEES Consists of information, reports and correspondence concerning the association's committees. See appendix #1 for list of committees. In chronological order by respective committee.	1939-1980
<b>B) SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SCLA) CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
21-26	64-85	SCLA PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE Consists of letters to/from various presidents of the association. See appendix #2 for list of presidents. In chronological order.	1947-1979
27-29	85-93	SCLA TREASURERS' CORRESPONDENCE Consists of letters to/from various treasurers of the association. Included also are the ledgers maintained by various treasurers. In chronological order.	1947-1979

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**DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)**

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
30	94-99	SCLA SECRETARIES' CORRESPONDENCE Consists of letters to/from various secretaries of the association. Included also are sections from the notebooks of various secretaries. In chronological order.	1941-1979
31-33	100-108	LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE Consists of letters to/from various members of the U.S. Congress concerning legislation of interest to the association. Among the legislation included in this series are the Public Library Services Act, the Library Demonstration Act, and the act to establish grievance procedures for municipal employees. Included also is pertinent correspondence concerning proposed legislation. Included also is correspondence with state government officials concerning legislation affecting libraries in South Carolina. In chronological order.	1938-1980
34-43	109-141	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE Consists of various letters to/from SCLA members. In chronological order.	1923-1981
<b>C) SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SCLA) CONVENTIONS</b>			
44-61	142-186	SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION(SCLA) CONVENTIONS RECORDS Consists of comprehensive information concerning the association's statewide conventions and one-day meetings. Included are programs, agendas, reports, and correspondence pertaining to SCLA conventions. Arranged chronologically. Included also is a bound volume titled Records of SCLA which provides information on early organizational meetings.	1915-1981
<b>D) SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SCLA) PROJECTS</b>			
62-64	187-194	TENNESSEE VALLEY LIBRARY COUNCIL (TVLC) SURVEY Consists of comprehensive information, records, correspondence concerning this survey of library services. In chronological order.	1946-1949, nd
65	195-198	SCLA LOAN FUND Consists of comprehensive information, records, and correspondence concerning the association's project which loaned funds to students who enrolled in librarian training institutions. In chronological order.	1951-1962
66	199-200	NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK Consists of information, records, and correspondence concerning the state association's participation in National Library Week. In chronological order.	1960-1967, nd
66	201	SCLA REPRINT PROJECT Consists of information, records, and correspondence pertaining to the association's project to publish books which were out-of-print. In chronological order.	1971-1974

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
67	202-203	<i>SANDLAPPER MAGAZINE</i> INDEXING PROJECT Consists of information, records, and correspondence concerning the association's project to coordinate the indexing of <i>Sandlapper Magazine</i> . In chronological order.	1971-1974
67	204	DR. MOORE'S GUIDE TO RESEARCH MATERIALS IN SOUTH CAROLINA Consists of correspondence concerning SCLA's participation in preparation of Dr. John Moore's Guide. In chronological order.	1964-1966, nd
<b>E) SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SCLA) PUBLICATIONS</b>			
68	205	SCLA HANDBOOK Consists of copies of the association's original and revised handbooks. In chronological order.	1962-1969
69	206	SCLA LIBRARY BULLETIN Consists of copies of this publication. In chronological order.	1950-1952
69	207	SCLA SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIAN Consists of copies of this publication. In chronological order.	1956-1964
69	208	SCLA NEWS FOR S.C. LIBRARIES Consists of copies of this publication. In chronological order.	1978
69	209A	SCLA NEWS AND VIEWS Consists of copies of this publication. In chronological order.	1979-1981
69	209B	ASCR NEWS Consists of copies of this publication in chronological order. This publication is sponsored by South Carolina Library Association-Archives and Special Collections Roundtable.	1982-1984
<b>F) INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>			
70-72	210-215	AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA) Consists of copy of ALA Constitution bylaws. Consists also of copies of <i>ALA Bulletin</i> and "Washington Newsletter." Consists also of information, reports, and correspondence to/from ALA. In chronological order.	1955-1981
73	216-219	SOUTHEAST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SELA) Consists of information, reports, and correspondence to/from SELA. In chronological order.	1948-1978, nd
74	220	CONSTITUTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS FROM OTHER STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS Consists of copies of the constitutions and publications from library associations in other states. This series consists primarily of constitutions/publications from states in Southeastern United States. In chronological order.	1966-1981

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
74	221-222	SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL FOR THE COMMON GOOD Consists of records and information concerning this statewide organization's relationship with SCLA In chronological order.	1951-1971



**APPENDIX 1**

**SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SCLA) COMMITTEES**

<b><u>Box(es)</u></b>	<b><u>Folder(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Date(s)</u></b>
15	35	Ad Hoc Committee on Activities	1976-1977
15	36	Ad Hoc Committee on Library Relationships	1965-1967
15	37	Archives and Records Committee	1950-1980
15	38	Constitution and Bylaws Committee	1958-1978
16	39	General Correspondence	1939-1979, nd
16	40	Editorial Committee	1960, 1964, 1976
16	41	Education Committee	1978
16	42	Exhibits Committee	1955-1958
16	43	Grievance Committee	1976-1979, nd
17	44-48	Intellectual Freedom	1951-1960, nd
18	49	Junior Members Roundtable	1970-1978, nd
18	50	Legislative Committee	1960-1976, nd
18	51	Lists of Committees	1960-1976, nd
18	52	Map Committee	1973
18	53	Membership Committee	1960-1978, nd
19	54	Nominating Committee	1956-1976, nd
19	55-56	Planning Committee	1950-1978, nd
19	57	Public Relations	1971-1976, nd
19	58	Publication Committee	1965-1967, nd
20	59	Recruiting Committee	1950-1976, nd
20	60	Resolutions Committee	1956-1976, nd
20	61	Scholarship Committee	1955-1976
20	62	Trustee Awards/Weeding	1950,1960-1965
20	63	Various Committees	1958-1979

APPENDIX 2

SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SCLA) PRESIDENTS

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
21	64	Frances Lander Spain	1947-1948
21	65	J. Mitchell Reames	1948-1950
21	66	Emily Sanders (past pres.)	1948-1950
21	67	Naomi Derrick	1950
21	68	Herbert Huchs	1951-1952
22	69-71	Lois Barbare	1953-1954
23	72	Charles Stow	1956-1957
23	73-74	Jessie Ham	1962
24	75	Elizabeth Foran	1963
24	76	Josephine Crouch	1965-1967
24	77	J. Mitchell Reames	1970-1971
25	78	Kenneth Toombs	1975-1976
25	79-80	Margaret Ehrhardt	1976-1977
26	81-84	Lennart Pearson	1976-1978
26	85	Martin Pautz	1978-1979