

# Photographs, Illustrations, and Objects Series, Library of Congress Archives

A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Photographs, Illustrations, and Objects Series, Library of Congress Archives

**Inclusive Dates:** 1909-1991

**Bulk Dates:** 1920-1991

**ID No.:** MSS86625

**Creator:** Library of Congress. Information Office

**Extent:** 15,000 items

**Extent:** 155 containers

**Extent:** 62 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2023086625>

**Summary:** Photographs, illustrations, and objects from the Library of Congress Information Office documenting daily Library activities, including images of staff, buildings, grounds, equipment, social and ceremonial functions, and notable guests of the Library. Comprised largely of photographs used in *Information Bulletin* and other Library publications but also includes images from the Library's Poetry Office and Literary Functions File.

## Acquisition Information

The bulk of the Photographs, Illustrations, and Objects Series was transferred to the Library of Congress Archives in the Manuscript Division from the Library of Congress Information Office in 1988 and 1989. Additional material was added to this series from other Library units in 1990, including items 1014-1289, which were added from the Poetry Office and Literary Functions File.

## Processing History

The Photographs, Illustrations, and Objects Series was arranged and indexed in 1991 by John D. Knowlton. The finding aid was encoded and the index updated by Julie Yamashita in 2022. The finding aid was revised by Shandra Morehouse in 2023.

## Additional Description

A finding aid for the Library of Congress Archives is available at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadlca.lc017001>

An index of the subjects and dates for items 1-3267 is available in the Manuscript Reading Room and online as a [PDF](#) and [Excel spreadsheet](#). The item numbers in the container list correspond to the item numbers in the index.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the records of the Photographs, Illustrations, and Objects Series is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The Photographs, Illustrations, and Objects Series, Library of Congress Archives, is open to research. Many collections are off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Photographs, Illustrations, and Objects Series, Library of Congress Archives, Manuscripts Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Administrative History

| Date | Event   |
|------|---|
| 1940 | Information Office established by General Order 1190, which reorganized the Library of Congress into administrative units, July 5 |
| 1942 | <i>Staff Information Bulletin</i> began publication (later retitled <i>Information Bulletin</i> ), Jan. 23                        |
| 1943 | First issue of <i>Information Bulletin</i> with photograph, Apr. 12   |
| 1946 | First issue of <i>Information Bulletin</i> to feature a staff photograph, Jan. 12   |
| 1946 | First photo documentation of official foreign travel by Library staff published in the <i>Information Bulletin</i> , July 4       |
| 1990 | <i>Library of Congress Gazette</i> began publication, Apr. 6  |

## Scope and Content Note

The photographs in the Photographs, Illustrations, and Objects Series, Library of Congress Archives, span the years 1909-1991, with the bulk of the material dating from 1920 to 1991. The bulk of material in this series are photographs with some illustrations; no objects are described. Many photographs in this series were produced for the *Information Bulletin*, an internal staff publication, and other Library publications. The material primarily documents the daily activities of the Library of Congress and is comprised of images of staff, buildings, grounds, equipment, and social and ceremonial functions. Also in this series are photographs of notable Library guests, including writers Jorge Luis Borges, Ray Bradbury, Gwendolyn Brooks, Robert Frost, Ursula K. Le Guin, Madeleine L'Engle, and Toni Morrison; Presidents Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and John F. Kennedy; First Ladies Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Rosalynn Carter, and Nancy Reagan; Librarians of Congress Luther Harris Evans, Archibald MacLeish, and L. Quincy Mumford; monarchs Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain and Juan Carlos I, King of Spain. Other prominent guests include Lillian Gish, Danny Kaye, Helen Keller, and Mary Pickford. Also featured are numerous Library events such as the National Children's Book Week, staff length of service awards, other public award ceremonies, and luncheons with special guests. Library exhibitions are also well represented in this series, including displays devoted to early motion pictures, early printing, Library architecture, Abraham Lincoln memorabilia, Frederick Law Olmstead, and many of the states. The collection is arranged and numbered in accession order and includes an index of subjects and dates for items 1-3267.

## Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged numerically in accession order by item number.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### Organizations

Library of Congress--Awards.

Library of Congress--Buildings--Photographs.

Library of Congress--Equipment and supplies--Photographs.

Library of Congress--Officials and employees--Photographs.

Library of Congress--Photographs.

Library of Congress--Rites and ceremonies--Photographs.  
Library of Congress. Information Office.  
Library of Congress. Poetry Office--Photographs.

**Subjects**

Libraries--Washington (D.C.)  
Library buildings--Washington (D.C.)--Photographs.  
Library employees--United States--Photographs.  
National libraries--United States.  
Public buildings--Washington (D.C.)--Photographs.  
Public lands--Washington (D.C.)--Photographs.

**Places**

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

**Titles**

*Information bulletin (Library of Congress)*  
*Library of Congress archives, Photographs, Illustrations, and Objects series*

# Container List

| <b>Container</b> | <b>Contents</b>      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| BOX 1            | Item numbers 1-5     |
| BOX 2            | Item numbers 6-36    |
| BOX 3            | Item numbers 37-60   |
| BOX 4            | Item numbers 61-68   |
| BOX 5            | Item numbers 68-84   |
| BOX 6            | Item numbers 85-126  |
| BOX 7            | Item numbers 127-142 |
| BOX 8            | Item numbers 143-157 |
| BOX 9            | Item numbers 158-165 |
| BOX 10           | Item numbers 166-169 |
| BOX 11           | Item numbers 169-174 |
| BOX 12           | Item numbers 175-182 |
| BOX 13           | Item numbers 183-196 |
| BOX 14           | Item numbers 196-205 |
| BOX 15           | Item numbers 206-217 |
| BOX 16           | Item numbers 218-243 |
| BOX 17           | Item numbers 244-248 |
| BOX 18           | Item numbers 249-253 |
| BOX 19           | Item numbers 254-268 |
| BOX 20           | Item numbers 269-283 |
| BOX 21           | Item numbers 284-293 |
| BOX 22           | Item numbers 293-296 |
| BOX 23           | Item numbers 297-301 |
| BOX 24           | Item numbers 302-307 |
| BOX 25           | Item numbers 307-318 |
| BOX 26           | Item numbers 319-334 |
| BOX 27           | Item numbers 334-337 |
| BOX 28           | Item numbers 337-344 |
| BOX 29           | Item numbers 345-370 |
| BOX 30           | Item numbers 371-378 |
| BOX 31           | Item numbers 379-401 |
| BOX 32           | Item numbers 402-421 |
| BOX 33           | Item numbers 422-439 |
| BOX 34           | Item numbers 440-464 |
| BOX 35           | Item numbers 465-483 |
| BOX 36           | Item numbers 484-505 |
| BOX 37           | Item numbers 506-525 |
| BOX 38           | Item numbers 526-559 |
| BOX 39           | Item numbers 560-580 |
| BOX 40           | Item numbers 580-592 |
| BOX 41           | Item numbers 593-622 |

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| BOX 42           | Item numbers 623-655    |
| BOX 43           | Item numbers 656-680    |
| BOX 44           | Item numbers 681-705    |
| BOX 45           | Item numbers 706-722    |
| BOX 46           | Item numbers 723-741    |
| BOX 47           | Item numbers 741-745    |
| BOX 48           | Item numbers 745-756    |
| BOX 49           | Item numbers 757-774    |
| BOX 50           | Item numbers 774-787    |
| BOX 51           | Item numbers 788-799    |
| BOX 52           | Item numbers 799-808    |
| BOX 53           | Item numbers 809-823    |
| BOX 54           | Item numbers 824-835    |
| BOX 55           | Item numbers 836-844    |
| BOX 56           | Item numbers 845-852    |
| BOX 57           | Item numbers 853-877    |
| BOX 58           | Item numbers 878-893    |
| BOX 59           | Item numbers 894-915    |
| BOX 60           | Item numbers 915-936    |
| BOX 61           | Item numbers 936-950    |
| BOX 62           | Item numbers 951-975    |
| BOX 63           | Item numbers 976-993    |
| BOX 64           | Item numbers 994-1002   |
| BOX 65           | Item numbers 1003-1010  |
| BOX 66           | Item numbers 1011-1083  |
| BOX 67           | Item numbers 1084-1232  |
| BOX 68           | Item numbers 1233-1320  |
| BOX 69           | Item numbers 1320-1347  |
| BOX 70           | Item numbers 1348-1380  |
| BOX 71           | Item numbers 1381-1420  |
| BOX 72           | Item numbers 1421-1457  |
| BOX 73           | Item numbers 1458-1481  |
| BOX 74           | Item numbers 1482-1505  |
| BOX 75           | Item numbers 1506-1555  |
| BOX 76           | Item numbers 1556-1600  |
| BOX 77           | Item numbers 1601-1624  |
| BOX 78           | Item numbers 1625-1659  |
| BOX 79           | Item numbers 1660-1715  |
| BOX 80           | Item numbers 1716-1745  |
| BOX 81           | Item numbers 1746-1788  |
| BOX 82           | Item numbers 1789--1795 |
| BOX 83           | Item numbers 1795-1801  |
| BOX 84           | Item numbers 1802-1808  |
| BOX 85           | Item numbers 1809-1815  |
| BOX 86           | Item numbers 1816-1826  |
| BOX 87           | Item numbers 1827-1858  |

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|------------------|------------------------|
| BOX 88           | Item numbers 1859-1884 |
| BOX 89           | Item numbers 1885-1911 |
| BOX 90           | Item numbers 1912-1938 |
| BOX 91           | Item numbers 1939-1955 |
| BOX 92           | Item numbers 1956-1883 |
| BOX 93           | Item numbers 1984-2001 |
| BOX 94           | Item numbers 2001-2017 |
| BOX 95           | Item numbers 2018-2055 |
| BOX 96           | Item numbers 2056-2071 |
| BOX 97           | Item numbers 2072-2088 |
| BOX 98           | Item numbers 2089-2103 |
| BOX 99           | Item numbers 2103-2111 |
| BOX 100          | Item numbers 2112-2139 |
| BOX 101          | Item numbers 2140-2168 |
| BOX 102          | Item numbers 2168-2190 |
| BOX 103          | Item numbers 2190-2231 |
| BOX 104          | Item numbers 2232-2273 |
| BOX 105          | Item numbers 2274-2309 |
| BOX 106          | Item numbers 2310-2340 |
| BOX 107          | Item numbers 2341-2391 |
| BOX 108          | Item numbers 2392-2436 |
| BOX 109          | Item numbers 2437-2476 |
| BOX 110          | Item numbers 2477-2517 |
| BOX 111          | Item numbers 2518-2535 |
| BOX 112          | Item numbers 2536-2545 |
| BOX 113          | Item numbers 2545-2550 |
| BOX 114          | Item numbers 2550-2551 |
| BOX 115          | Item numbers 2551-2553 |
| BOX 116          | Item numbers 2553-2554 |
| BOX 117          | Item numbers 2556-2557 |
| BOX 118          | Item numbers 2557-2566 |
| BOX 119          | Item numbers 2566-2583 |
| BOX 120          | Item numbers 2583-2585 |
| BOX 121          | Item numbers 2585-2588 |
| BOX 122          | Item numbers 2588-2627 |
| BOX 123          | Item numbers 2627-2633 |
| BOX 124          | Item numbers 2633-2634 |
| BOX 125          | Item numbers 2634-2638 |
| BOX 126          | Item numbers 2638-2639 |
| BOX 127          | Item numbers 2639-2640 |
| BOX 128          | Item numbers 2640-2642 |
| BOX 129          | Item numbers 2642-2651 |
| BOX 130          | Item numbers 2652-2670 |
| BOX 131          | Item numbers 2671-2687 |
| BOX 132          | Item numbers 2687-2707 |
| BOX 133          | Item numbers 2708-2724 |

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|------------------|------------------------|
| BOX 134          | Item numbers 2725-2755 |
| BOX 135          | Item numbers 2756-2803 |
| BOX 136          | Item numbers 2804-2830 |
| BOX 137          | Item numbers 2831-2848 |
| BOX 138          | Item Number 2848       |
| BOX 139          | Item numbers 2848-2869 |
| BOX 140          | Item numbers 2870-2897 |
| BOX 141          | Item Number 2945       |
| BOX 142          | Item numbers 2946-2984 |
| BOX 143          | Item numbers 2985-3030 |
| BOX 144          | Item numbers 3031-3085 |
| BOX 145          | Item numbers 3086-3135 |
| BOX 146          | Item numbers 3136-3181 |
| BOX 147          | Item numbers 3182-3218 |
| BOX 148          | Item numbers 3219-3254 |
| BOX 149          | Item numbers 3255-3291 |
| BOX 150          | Item numbers 3292-3311 |
| BOX 151          | Item numbers 3312-3349 |
| BOX 152          | Item numbers 3350-3378 |
| BOX 153          | Item numbers 3379-3408 |
| BOX 154          | Item numbers 3409-3440 |
| BOX 155          | Item numbers 3441-3457 |