

# Western Illinois Library System

## Collection Information

<b>Title</b>	Western Illinois Library System
<b>Collection Number</b>	BC-142
<b>Dates</b>	1962-1986
<b>Extent</b>	7 books and folders
<b>Creator</b>	Galesburg Public Library
<b>Biographical Note</b>	<a href="#">In 1858</a> , the Young Men's Literary and Library Association opened a reading room over a bank on Main Street. This reading room was the forerunner of the Galesburg Public Library, established as a Free Public Library and Reading Room in 1874. The library board constructed the first free public library building on land purchased by the board. The Carnegie library was dedicated on June 3, 1902 and was destroyed by fire on May 9, 1958. It was replaced with a new library dedicated on November 3, 1961. A children's room addition in 1967, installation of an elevator in 1984, and an expansion project completed in 1996 comprise the library as we know it today.
<b>Scope &amp; Content</b>	The Western Illinois Library System collection includes histories, directories, correspondence, and calendars on the system from the years 1962-1986.

## Administrative Information

<b>Arrangement Note</b>	Materials are arranged chronologically
<b>Access</b>	Materials are available for research by request.
<b>Rights &amp; Reproduction</b>	Contact archivist ( <a href="mailto:archives@galesburglibrary.org">archives@galesburglibrary.org</a> )
<b>Repository Information</b>	Galesburg Public Library Archives & Special Collections 40 E. Simmons St., Galesburg, IL 61401
<b>Language of</b>	English

<b>Materials</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	

## Inventory

<b>Box Number</b>	<b>Folder Number</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	1	Papers from Virginia Roberts: Re. Formation of WILS	1962-1966
1	2	Histories of the 27 Public Libraries of WILS	1977
1	3	Histories of the 27 Public Libraries of WILS	1977
1	4	Correspondence, Calendars	1977-1992
1	5	Directory	1983
1	6	Directory	1986
1	7	Record	n.d.