

Orpheum Theatre

Collection Information

Title	Orpheum Theatre Original Construction Papers
Collection Number	BC-79
Dates	1915-1916
Extent	1 document box. 1 half document box
Creator	Orpheum Theatre
Biographical Note	The Orpheum Theatre was constructed in 1916 under the direction of William J. Olson and the construction firm C. W. & George L. Rapp. The theatre was budgeted with a cost of \$75,000, but ended up costing over \$135,000. The theatre was built as a vaudeville house, and suffered the decline of the vaudeville era. Due to high operating costs the theatre closed in 1982, and reopened and restored in 1988 through grants and funds raised by the Prairie Players Civic Theatre.
Scope & Content	The Orpheum Theatre collection includes advertisements (box 1 folder 1) and letters regarding the theatre's construction for the years 1915-1916.

Administrative Information

Arrangement Note	Materials are arranged by subject chronologically
Access	Materials are available for research by request.
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Repository Information	Galesburg Public Library Archives & Special Collections 40 E. Simmons St., Galesburg, IL 61401
Language of Materials	English

Notes	All materials are protected by plastic covers.
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Inventory

Box Number	Folder Number	Folder Title	Date
1	1	Advertisements for curtains, backdrops, film projectors, etc.	c. 1915
1	2	Letters from Hotel Custer and pipe organ company	c. 1915
1	3	Letters from various companies and Bank of Galesburg	1915-1916
1	4	Letters from American Seating Company, insurance company, and architects	1915-1915
1	5	Various Letters	1916
1	6	Various letters and advertisers, booklets, etc.	1915-1916
1	7	Various letters and invoices	1915-1916
2	1	Various letters	1916
2	2	Various letters	1915
2	3	Various letters	1916
2	4	Western Union Telegrams	c. 1915