

Orpheum Theatre

Collection Information

Title	Orpheum Theatre Collection
Collection Number	BC-119
Dates	1914-2011
Extent	1 half legal 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 programs (folder 1), correspondence (folder 2), news clippings (folder 3), and miscellaneous materials (folder 4) from the years 1914-2011.

Administrative Information

Arrangement Note	Materials are arranged chronologically
Access	Materials are available for research by request.
Rights & Reproduction	Contact archivist (archives@galesburglibrary.org)
Repository Information	Galesburg Public Library Archives & Special Collections 40 E. Simmons St., Galesburg, IL 61401
Language of Materials	English
Notes	Folder 4 contains newspaper clippings, programs, papers, photos, and

	tickets from the years 1915-2009. Related Materials: BC-79 contains additional information on the Orpheum Theater.
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Inventory

Box Number	Folder Number	Folder Title	Date
1	1	Programs	1936-1940, 2001
1	2	Correspondence	1914-1989
1	3	News Clippings	1915-2011
1	4	Misc. Materials	1915-2009