

Rare Books

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Introduction

The decision to create a rare books collection stemmed from a random event. On April 23, 2018, Marymount Manhattan College received a package from a Yonkers bindery containing a copy of a book of photographs from Chicago's 1933-1934 Century of Progress International Exposition. Stamps on the ends of the books indicated the bindery thought it was returning the book to Manhattan College, and accidentally directed it to Marymount Manhattan College. Communication with Manhattan College indicated the college did not want the book. Marymount Manhattan College's librarians thought the book would be useful for the college's photography major, but the book was in fragile condition, missing its cover. Thus the idea of keeping the book in the archive came up.

Over time, faculty, alumni and visiting authors have donated books they have written; these books are with Marymount Manhattan College's collection, MMC.002. In the future these books, and metadata documenting their acquisition, can be added to this collection, with the finding aid updated to alert researchers as to the books' accessibility.

Inventory

1. A Century of Progress International Exposition, Chicago, 1933-1934. Number 42 of 257 copies of a book of photographic prints made from the negatives of Kaufmann and Fabry, official photographers for the event. Signed by Exposition President Rufus C. Dawes and General Manager L. R. Lohr. Acquisition described in introduction.