



BHC-MSS 0235  
Guide to the Records of the International Institute  
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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** International Institute

**Title:** Records of the International Institute

**Dates:** 1918-1983

**Quantity:** 35 linear feet

**Abstract:** The International Institute – known variously as the International Institute of Greater Bridgeport, the Nationalities Service Center of Greater Bridgeport, the International Institute of Connecticut, and now the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants – was founded in 1918. Originally a part of Bridgeport's YWCA, the International Institute was originally created to provide social support and encourage the Americanization of young female immigrants and first-generation girls. Over time, the mission has expanded to support immigrants as well as refugees from war torn regions of the world, help individuals gain American citizenship, offer family resources, provide information, assist with family reunions, and much more. The material within the collection focuses primarily on the Institute from the late 1940s to the 1970s, documenting not only the transition of services provided, but the immigrants that America and specifically Bridgeport welcomed. Please note that this collection has restrictions due to sensitive information within.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Bridgeport History Center

**Administrative History:**

The International Institute – known variously as the International Institute of Greater Bridgeport, the Nationalities Service Center of Greater Bridgeport, the International Institute of Connecticut, and now the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants – was founded in 1918. A part of the Bridgeport's Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), it was a part of the national YWCA's response to the continuing need to provide services for new immigrants to America, especially women. In the case of Bridgeport's International Institute branch, this meant the International Institute was originally a part of the local branch's War Council Work group. At the time, Bridgeport's various industries were manufacturing material for the first World War, and hiring incoming immigrants kept production numbers up.

Following the end of the war, the International Institute came under the purview of the YWCA's Department of Immigration and Foreign Communities. It remained a part of the YWCA's services until 1934, when it became its own independent agency.

International Institute staff were, from the beginning, social workers who spoke a variety of

languages and were expected to help clients work through immigration process and law. Early services meant not only navigating the legal process of naturalization, but help with housing, English classes, employment opportunities, and generally helping immigrants from southern and Eastern Europe integrate into American life. The original emphasis on young women – the primary constituents of the YWCA – expanded, as did the services provided. By the 1940s, additional services included family counseling in response to conflict between immigrant parents and first-generation American children, family reunification, and additional social problems. The goal was successful transition into American life, focused on the greater Bridgeport area, or “Americanization.”

The nationalities that were served by the YWCA reflect the immigration patterns of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Up into the 1950s, many of those who took advantage of the service were Italian, Hungarian, Polish, Ukrainian, and other eastern Europe ethnicities. It is not until the late 1960s that the records reflect more southeast Asian and South American countries coming to America. This reflects the changing world, but also American understanding of ethnic groups and how they fit into American society. The 1970s saw this rhetoric disappear from the language used by the Institute, pointing to changes in understanding the concept of Americanization and the impact it had and still has on immigrants, especially refugees.

One of the signature programs of the Institute was the International Folk Festival. Both it and its predecessor, the Festival of Nations, placed emphasis on traditions from other countries. This meant traditional costumes, dances, and food, along with pageants and a Queen for each festival. Often working in collaboration with the Barnum Festival, the International Folk Festival helped fundraise for the International Institute as well. Additional fund raisers included annual dinners, galas, rummage sales, and workshops.

Financial support also came from the Community Chest group, later a part of the United Fund. This let the International Institute continue to provide services with a steady income in order to pay for staff, their services, and other organization needs.

Smaller groups that fell under the auspices of the International Institute helped to support its mission as well. The Cosmopolitan Club was often made of Bridgeport residents who acted as the fundraising arm of the organization, and during and after the second World War, the Godparents of Italian War Orphans group formed. Comprised mostly of Italians and Italian-Americans, they helped to fundraise and both send money and goods to Italian orphanages in the midst and the aftermath of the second World War. They also helped facilitate some adoptions, and collaborated with other Italian and Italian American organizations to provide further support.

In 2017, the group became the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants. Their services still include immigration legal service, translation services, and help for refugees, but now also include support for survivors of human rights abuses including war and human trafficking, and greater focus and help on economic support and independence.

### **Scope and Content:**

The Records of the International Institute primarily represent immigration trends in the early to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, with less material related to the 1970s onward. Meeting minutes reflect the priorities and actions of the organization at the highest administrative levels, and the extensive financial records provide insight into the daily ins and outs of operation, mostly focused on the 1940s to early 1970s. The Office of the Executive Director subject files round out the key issues

that were focused on.

Material related to immigration and immigration trends comes primarily in the form of studies and reports about the greater Bridgeport area and the United States. These studies are supplemented by circulars and information pamphlets aimed at both new arrivals to the United States, but also publications such as *Interpreter Releases*, which were aimed at social workers and service providers to keep them up to date. Legal information and secondary works likewise reflect the pertinent changes to laws and legalities on the immigrant experience in America.

While there are materials related to cases in and around Bridgeport, they come primarily in the forms of statistics. They paint a picture of the nationalities that the International Institute was helping at the time, the services needed, and success rates, but do not delve into the private lives of individual cases. This is by design (see *immediate source of acquisition*).

There is extensive material related to the Institute's signature International Folk Festival, as well as records related to the Cosmopolitan Club and the work of the Godparents of Italian War Orphans. A more general subject file, along with clippings and scrapbooks, help to emphasize topics of interest and how the International Institute was viewed by Bridgeport and eastern Fairfield County.

While this collection focuses on the experience of immigrants, it also grapples with questions of ethnicity, and when an immigrant group is truly incorporated into the definition of "American." The vast majority of the groups represented in the collection (Italian, Hungarian, Polish, Ukrainian) were viewed as "other" into the 1960s. They were not white Anglo-Saxon Protestants, and thus subject to types of discrimination that at the time of writing (2022), would be understood as bordering on racism. There is in fact very little on race in the collection until the 1970s, when refugees to American soil began to include southeast Asians, especially residents of Vietnam. This is not to say that there are not individuals of color in the collection prior to that era, but the proportions are different, and worth considering when examining the material and framing it within the greater historic record of 20<sup>th</sup> Century American immigration.

**Arrangement:**

There was no discernable original order in the boxes, nor was there an extensive inventory that noted distinct series. While some clear and obvious groupings became apparent in processing, there is no means of telling which series were truly kept by International Institute staff in a specific order. As such, all series are artificial.

Series I contains board minutes in chronological order.

Series II, files of the executive director, contain two subseries: general subject files and the papers of Myra Oliver. Over the years, a number of directors of the International Institute used the same files (likely using the same desk and cabinets and building on that of their predecessors), making it impossible to parse out individual directors works without disrupting original order. The exception to this were the files of Myra Oliver, which were placed in a different box and thus easier to distinguish. All material is in alphabetically order by folder title.

Series III, Cases and case work, primarily features information about services provided to immigrants in Bridgeport in general, rather than specific details of cases. They split into two subseries - statistics and cases - and both subseries arranged chronologically. As many folders in this series contain information about living individuals, researchers must contact Bridgeport

History Center staff before coming in to review the material. Staff will check to ensure that no personal identifying data is present.

Series IV contains reports and studies. Material related to Bridgeport has been placed first, followed by Connecticut, and then more general reports and studies.

Series V contains material related to immigration information and services, and is divided into four subseries. The first contains US laws and congressional reports, and the second US government forms and information. Both are arranged chronologically and represent reference material and key information used by International Institute staff in order to provide accurate information to clients. Subseries 3 contains directories and guides meant to provide further support for those taking advantage of the International Institute, and subseries four represents further information and reference found in the collection.

Circulars and information make up series VI, and compliment the material found in series IV. A number of organizations put out supplementary materials, additional information reports, and other needed and useful material for those working with immigrants in order to stay up to date and to best advocate for the needs of those individuals. Material is arranged alphabetically by title.

Series VII, Finances, contains the following subseries: budgets, financial statements, salary, and subject files. All are arranged chronologically, excluding the subject files which are arranged alphabetically. The salary subseries is restricted unless a direct relation to an individual can be proven.

Festivals and events are contained in series VIII, with the International Folk Festival placed first in subseries 1. Beginning in the late 1950s and going strong into the 1970s, it was a signature event of the organization that highlighted Bridgeport's ethnic communities. It is followed by subseries 2, other events, which contain details related to balls, card parties, and other smaller events.

Series IX features the records of the Cosmopolitan Club, a fundraising arm of the organization. Series X relates to the Godparents of Italian War Orphans group. Bridgeport had a large Italian and Italian American community during the Second World War, and both during and after the events, there was a strong desire to provide care and support for orphaned Italian children. Information about the administrative structure of the group is placed first (minutes, membership, and so on), followed by general correspondence, then contact with orphanages in Italy and adoption information. Scant subject files round out the series. The adoption material is restricted at this time, as BHC needs to conduct further research into international adoption information related to this time period.

Series XI contains subject files arranged in alphabetical order. It is followed by series XII, scrapbooks and series XIII which contains chronologically arranged clippings.

#### **Administrative information:**

Provenance: Gift of the International Institute. Extensive correspondence with Institute executor director Myra Oliver at the time of the donation shows a very careful selection and appraisal process conducted by archivist David Palmquist. A number of records were not taken in by the Bridgeport History Center at the time, primarily individual case files. This decision was made out of concerns for privacy and after discussion with other archivists including Randall Jimmerson during his tenure at the University of Connecticut and other archives with similar collections.

*Restrictions:* A number of files in this collection are restricted and are marked on the finding aid accordingly. Material related to salary and retirement is closed entirely without proving a direct relation to the individual, and case file material is to be reviewed by the archivist to ensure that no sensitive or personally identifying information (visa numbers, passport information, social security etc.) are on the documents. Those seeking to access the collection **must** contact the Bridgeport History Center with at least 24 hours notice to ensure adequate time for the archivists to review files for this type of information.

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Names and Subject Tracings

*Corporate names*

International Institute of Connecticut

Young Women's Christian Association (Bridgeport, Conn.)

*Subject tracings*

United States--Emigration and immigration--History

Social service

Americanization

Cultural assimilation

Emigration and immigration--Social aspects

Emigration and immigration law--United States--Periodicals

Orphans

World War, 1939-1945 -- Refugees

Refugees

Hungarian Americans

Italian Americans

Polish Americans

Series I – Minutes

Box 1

1. Minutes, 1918-1924
2. Minutes, 1935-1941
3. Minutes, 1942-1948
4. Minutes, 1942-1948
5. Minutes, 1949-1951
6. Minutes, 1949-1951
7. Minutes, 1952-1956
8. Minutes, 1952-1956

9. Minutes, 1957-1958
10. Minutes, 1959-1960
11. Minutes, 1961-1962
12. Minutes, 1961-1962
13. Minutes, 1961-1962
14. Minutes, 1963
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16. Minutes, 1965
17. Minutes, 1966
18. Minutes, 1966
19. Minutes, 1967
20. Minutes, 1967

#### Box 2

1. Minutes, 1968
2. Minutes, 1969-1970
3. Minutes, 1969-1970
4. Minutes, 1971-1972

#### Series II, Office of the Executive Director Subseries 1, General files

5. Accidents, 199-1960
6. Address report card, 1959-1966
7. Agency record of employees' coverage, 1961-1966
8. Adoption law, 1968
9. A.K. Booth group indemnity insurance, 1957-1957
10. Alien address report forms, 1969
11. American Committee on Italian Migration, 1967
12. American Council for Nationalities Services, 1963-1968
13. American Council for Nationalities Services, 1968
14. American War Community Services Inc., 1944
15. Annual dinner, 1964
16. Annual dinner, 1964
17. Atlantic regional conference, 1967
18. Board committees, 1961
19. Board "kitty" receipts/summary, 1965-1969
20. Board "kitty" receipts/summary, 1965-1969
21. Board "kitty" receipts/summary, 1965-1969
22. Board mail, 1965
23. Board special account, 1969-1970
24. Board minutes, copies, 1962-1963
25. Board minutes, copies, 1963-1964
26. Burglars, 1964
27. Citizenship day, 1967
28. Citizenship questions, 1966
29. Clippings, 1960s

30. Connecticut, 1950s-1960s
31. Connecticut Conference on Social Work, 1957-1970
32. Constitution, 1930s-1950s
33. Correspondence, 1966-1969
34. Correspondence, Reader's Digest article, 1943
35. Cuban refugees, 1963
36. Department of State Visa numbers, 1966-1967
37. Detroit International Institute, 1955
38. Education for family living committee, 1964
39. Eilis Island, 1963
40. Elliot business machines, 1967
41. Employees, 1963
42. Employee health plans, 1970=1971
43. Employment positions, 1962-1968
44. Employees, 1954-1968
45. Employment records, 1969

### Box 3

1. Evaluation committee, 1959
2. Executive director's reports to the board, 1961-1962
3. Fee schedule, 1962-1964
4. Fee scale replies, 1966
5. Financial statements, 1961-1964
6. Financial statements, 1969
7. Forum 3-4 applications, undated
8. Folk festivals, 1930s-1940s
9. Folk festivals, 1930s-1940s
10. Glo[s?], Helen, 1968
11. Group Insurance, Miss Brick, 1966-1968
12. House, 1939-1949, undated
13. House, 1949
14. House, 1949-1950s
15. House, 1959
16. House, 1950-1972
17. House, Clinton Ave., 1957-1958
18. House committee, 1951-953
19. Hungarian coordinating committee, 1957-1958
20. Immigration information, 1965
21. International Rescue Committee, 1957
22. Insurance, 1957-1962
23. Japanese American Marriage Study Report, International Institute, San Francisco, 1962
24. Junior League, 1964-1967
25. Kennedy Center, 1966
26. Law lectures office, 1966
27. Letter, appreciation, 1966
28. Lia Mondo [RESTRICTED], 1960-1968

29. Manpower and immigration, 1965
30. Membership, 1949-1967
31. Misc., 1950s-1960s
32. Misc., 1950s-1960s
33. Misc., 1950s-1960s
34. Mr. Kuharec, music lessons, 1966
35. Musulin-Miro, 1966-198
36. Nationwide Insurance, 1969-1970
37. NYA project, 1935
38. Old budgets, 1962-1966
39. Hazel Ormsbee files, 1928
40. Pattern for wall hanging, Mrs. Silverstein's office, undated
41. Pension plan bills, 1971-1972
42. Personnel, 1952-1960
43. Personnel, job possibilities, 1958-1967
44. Personnel, job possibilities, 1958-1967
45. Pictures, 1970
46. Polish/Poland, 1929-1940s
47. Posters, undated
48. Programs, undated
49. Proof of age reports, 1961
50. Quarterly reports, 1964-1966
51. Questions and answers on US government and US history, undated
52. Quota, 1924-1928

#### Box 4

1. Radio - street, 1930s
2. Red Cross, undated
3. Refugees, 1943, undated
4. Regional conference, 1962-1963
5. Regional conference on manpower and immigration, 1963
6. Report of the Connecticut Inter-Racial Commission, 1944
7. Retirement fund annual reports, 1966-1969
8. Retirement, general, 1966
9. Royal Typewriter, 1958
10. Rules, 1940s
11. Salary, [RESTRICTED], 1961
12. Salary, [RESTRICTED], 1962
13. Salary, [RESTRICTED], 1963
14. Salary, [RESTRICTED], 1964
15. Salary, [RESTRICTED], 1965
16. Salary, [RESTRICTED], 1966
17. Salary, [RESTRICTED], 1967
18. Salary, [RESTRICTED], 1969
19. Salary, [RESTRICTED], 1974
20. Secretarial students, University of Bridgeport, 1963-1964



21. Social security [RESTRICTED], 1950s
22. Social Worker's Club, 1930-1937
23. Special Savings Account, 1950-1968
24. Statistics of NSC, 1960
25. Staff certificates, group identity insurance, [RESTRICTED], 1964-1970
26. Tolstoy Foundation, 1951
27. Unemployment compensation law, 1963
28. United Fund campaign, 1963
29. United Fund and Council Inc., 1965
30. US Committee for the care of European Children, 1940-1941
31. United Way study and correspondence, 1974-1975
32. Withholding [RESRTICTED], 1958-1959
33. Young Women's Club, 1967
34. Youth in Unity, 1967-1969
35. Youth in Unity, 1967-1969
36. Youth in Unity, 1967-1969

Subseries 2, Director Myra Oliver

37. Clippings, 1970s-1980s
38. Department of Justice, 1982-1983
39. Form blanks, 1980s
40. Letterheads, undated
41. Memos, 1970s-1980s

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1. Myra M. Oliver files, 1960s-1980s
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4. Pamphlets, 1970s-1980s
5. Reading material for staff, 1980s
6. Reading material for staff, 1980s
7. Responsibilities and concerns in sponsorship and assistances to Southeast Asian refugees, 1979
8. State Department memos, 1981-1982
9. United Way and other International Institutes, 1983
10. Journal of International Psychiatry, 1967-1969
11. Social Casework, 1969-1975

Series III-Casework

Subseries 1, Statistics

12. Stratford statistics, 1959
13. Statistics, 1941
14. Statistics, 1946-1947
15. Statistics, 1947
16. Statistics, 1948-1949

17. Statistics, 1959
18. Statistics, 1964
19. Statistics, 1968-1973
20. Statistics, 1971
21. Statistic forms, 1950s

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1. Stratford cases and summaries, 1960-1967
2. Statistics, Fairfield, Stratford, 1966
3. Employment census, 1942-1956
4. Employer survey, 1950s-1950s
5. Cases initiated, November 1959
6. Visa revalidation, undated
7. Case load analysis, undated

#### Subseries 2, Cases

8. Case sheets, 1949
9. Case sheets, 1959
10. Case sheets, 1950
11. Case sheets, 1957
12. Case sheets, weekly, Mr. Buzi, 1972
13. Case sheets, weekly, Mr. Buzi, 1973
14. Case sheets, weekly, Mr. Buzi, 1974
15. Case sheets, weekly, Mr. Liptay, 1972
16. Case sheets, weekly, Mr. Liptay, 1973
17. Case sheets, weekly, Mr. Liptay, 1974
18. Case sheets, weekly, 1973
19. Monthly reports, 1973
20. Monthly reports, 1974
21. Dossiers and affidavits, 1955-1956
22. DSR 12, 8, 5 and NCWC cases [RESTRICTED], 1956
23. Correspondence, Cuban refugees, 1963
24. Correspondence, 1929-1930
25. Correspondence, 1945-1959
26. Correspondence, 1950
27. Correspondence, 1951-1952
28. Correspondence, 1958
29. Correspondence, 1958
30. Correspondence, 1959
31. Federal admissions tax exemption, 1954-1960s
32. Immigration and naturalization, 1941-1965
33. Mrs. Mondo's bills for fees etc., 1967
34. Oil stamps, 1935
35. Quota area maps, 1961
36. Policies and procedures, undated
37. Service to industries, 1951-1952

38. Acme Shear, 1946-1951
39. American Chain and Cable Co., 1949-1951
40. Bridgeport Brass, 1948-1951
41. Other casework material, 1940s-1960s

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- Case sheets, 1961
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- Case sheets, 1964
- Polish forms, undated
- Forms, 1950s-1960s

Series IV, Reports and studies

42. Annual reports, 1933, 1937-1949
43. Annual reports, 1950-1972

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1. Annual reports to members, 1951-1954
2. Semi-annual reports, 1949-1950
3. Studies, 1953-1954
4. Studies, 1959
5. Studies, 1968
6. Agency review, 1972
7. Bridgeport International Institute reports, 1944
8. Survey, 1919
9. Bridgeport organization reports, 1940s-1980s
10. Bridgeport organization reports, 1940s-1980s
11. Bridgeport organization reports, 1940s-1980s
12. Bridgeport organization reports, 1940s-1980s
13. International Institutes, 1947
14. Non-International Institute publications, 1925-1960s
15. Clippings on populations, 1930s-1940s
16. Non-International Institute event programs, 1940s
17. Studies and reports, 1930s-1960s
18. Studies and reports, 1930s-1960s
19. Department of State, 1959
20. Foreign Language Information Service, 1963-1966
21. Refugee relief act, 1953
22. Foreign operations administration, undated
23. American Council for Nationalities Service, undated
24. American Immigration and Citizenship Conference news, 1963-1966
25. Refugee reports, 1980-1983
26. Immigration and national laws and regulations as of March 1, 1944

Series V -- Immigration information and services

Subseries 1 - US laws and congressional reports

Box 9

The displaced persons commission, second semiannual report to the president and the congress, August 1, 1949

The displaced persons commission, fourth semiannual report to the president and the congress, August 1, 1949

Public law 414, Comparative print of the texts of the immigration and nationality act and immigration and nationality laws existing prior to the enactment of public law 414, 1952

Laws APPLICABLE TO IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY, 1954

Special study mission on international organizations and movements, February 1954

Supplement to immigration laws of the united states with cumulative index, 1956

Immigration and nationality act, December 31, 1958

Special supplement 1959 to the immigration laws of the United States, 1959

Immigration and nationality act, September 1, 1960

Immigration and nationality act, January 10, 1962 (2 copies)

Hearings before the subcommittee to investigate problems connected with refugees and escapees [Cuban refugees], May and October 1963

Hearings before the subcommittee on intergovernmental relations...[disposal of Ellis Island], 1963

Hearings before the submitting on immigration and naturalization, 1965

Immigration and nationality act, 1965 (2 copies)

Immigration and Nationality Act, 1964

Immigration and Nationality Act, 1965

Hearings before the subcommittee on immigration and naturalization, 1965

Public Law 414, 1966 (2 copies)

Hearings before the subcommittee on immigration and naturalization [international migration of talent and skills], 1968

Immigration and Nationality act, May, 1969 (2 copies)

Hearing before the committee on the judiciary (Refugee Act of 1979) (2 copies)

US Immigration law and Policy: 1952-1979, a report, May 1979 (2 copies)

World refugee crisis: the international community's response, August 1979

Review of US refugee resettlement programs and policies, 1979, 1980

Temporary worker programs: background and issues, 1980

Select commission on immigration and refugee policy semiannual report to congress, March 1980 (2 copies)

Hearing before the committee on the judiciary [US refugee programs]. April, 1980 (2 copies)

Hearings before the committee on the judiciary [Immigration and Nationality Efficiency Act of 1979, serial no. 96-36, 1980 (2 copies)

Hearings before the committee on the judiciary [Caribbean refugee crisis: Cubans and Haitians], serial no. 96-58, 1980

Hearings before the committee on the judiciary US Refugee Programs, 1981 serial no. 96-79, 1980

Immigration and nationality act, 1980

Select commission on immigration and refugee policy, October 1980

Selected readings on US immigration policy and law, October 1980

History of the immigration and naturalization service, December 1980

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Subseries 2, US Government forms and information  
Guide to immigration benefits, undated (3 copies)

Basic guide to naturalization, undated (2 copies)  
Federal textbook on citizenship, books 2 and 3, 1964  
United State immigration laws, general information, 1972  
Immigration and naturalization service annual report, 1973, 1975  
Indochinese refugee program processing guide, c. 1970s?  
Documentary requirements for aliens in the united states, 1980

#### Subseries 3, Directories and guides

Directory of American Organizations of Exiles from the USSR, 1966  
Immigrating to the United States[Russian language], 1974  
Orientation of foreign students, 1980  
Puertorriquenos en Los Estados Unidos Continentales: un future incierto, 1976  
Easton, Connecticut directory, 1977

#### Subseries 4, Additional reference material

The alien and the immigration law: a study under the direction under Edith Lawenstein, Common Council for American Unity, 1966  
Around the World in New York: a guide to the city's national groups, 1950  
Bridging Cultures: southeast Asian refugees in America, Special Services for Groups, 1983  
The DP Story: final report of the United States Displaced Persons Commission, 1952  
The Foreign-Born Population of Connecticut, Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station, 1940  
Folk Songs of Many Peoples, Young Women's Christian Association 1922 (2 copies)  
History of Socialism, Harry W. Ladiler, 1961  
Indians of the Eastern Seaboard, undated  
Interviewing: Its principals and methods, Annette Garrett, 1948  
Lithuania in a twin Teutonic clutch, 1945  
Lithuania's Fight for Freedom, E.J. Harrison, 1948  
Slovaks of Yonkers New York, Daniel F. Tanzzone, undated  
Slovakia, vol XXVI no. 49, 1976

#### Series VI –Circulars and information

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1. Interpreter releases, 1953
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