

**Margaret Mull Collection**  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator</b>	Mull, Margaret, 1910-1990
<b>Title</b>	Margaret Mull Collection
<b>Date</b>	1973-1919
<b>Extent</b>	1.67 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

## **Biographical Note**

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Margaret Mull was involved in the Minneapolis library system for 42 years starting in 1931. She graduated from the University of Minnesota and began her career as an assistant librarian at the Hosmer Branch. In 1951 she moved to the circulation department of the Minneapolis Main Library. Seven years later in 1958 she became Chief of the Minneapolis Central Library. She also served as acting chief of the Minneapolis Library system for 15 months from 1963-1964. During this time she helped to stabilize a library system that had been rocked by budget cuts. She retired in 1973 after holding the position of Chief of Community Library Services.

During her time at the library she attempted to champion programs involving cultural outreach, and promoting reading for pleasure. She was well respected in the Minneapolis Library System for her frankness and openness with her colleagues. Also she was not afraid to help with the day to day work of the library. On many occasions she would help library pages with opening procedures in the morning.

Furthermore, she was a member of the Council of the American Library Association, as well as Chairman of the Minnesota National Library Week Committee. Also she served as Women's Director of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce Cultural Activities Committee, and board member of Minneapolis People to People. In 1964 she was named as Minnesota Librarian of the Year. She was the first to receive this honor. Mull passed away in 1990 at the age of 80.

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## **Collection Description**

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This collection includes materials related to the library career of Margaret Mull. These items include: 2 scrapbooks, photographs, letters of appreciation, and funeral announcements. Although Mull had a long library career most of the materials in this collection appear to have been compiled in 1973, and those that are dated are from the mid 1960's and early 1970's. This is why the date expression is given as 1973-1990 as this is when the materials were compiled or published.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Nokomis Neighborhood (Minneapolis, Minn.)

### Subject(s)

- Librarians -- United States.
- Libraries -- United States
- Library administrators -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

## Collection Inventory

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	<b>Box</b>
Photographs	1
Scrapbook: Nokomis Picture Book	1
Retierment Letters of Appreciation 1973	1
Funeral Announcements	1
Retirement Scrapbook	1
<b>Note</b>	
This scrapbook is loose in the bottom of the box secured with two pieces of cardboard.	