

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into five record groups, and then arranged into series and sometimes subseries within those record groups. The record groups correspond to the Library Company of Philadelphia and four other institutions that merged into the Library Company's operations.

Generally, bound volumes are arranged physically by size and intellectually by series or subseries; beyond that, volumes are arranged chronologically. Loose sheets are arranged chronologically and then alphabetically by folder title. Undated items are arranged at the end of series/subseries, including the undated photocopies of materials in other repositories.

Record Group 1: Library Company of Philadelphia, 1731-circa 2001, undated

Series 1: Directors Records, 1731-circa 1920, undated

- Subseries 1A: Annual Meetings, 1754-1881, undated
- Subseries 1B: Minutes, 1731-circa 1920, undated
- Subseries 1C: Miscellaneous Directors Records, 1741-1881, undated

Series 2: Governance / Administration, 1731-1986, undated

- Subseries 2A: Administrative Records, 1731-1986, undated
- Subseries 2B: Real Estate Records, 1739-1890, undated
- Subseries 2C: Rush Bequest, 1783-circa 1930, undated

Series 3: Share Records, 1732-circa 2001, undated

Series 4: Collections, 1732-1984, undated

- Subseries 4A: Collection Records, 1732-1889, undated
- Subseries 4B: Bookplates, circa 1746-1960, undated
- Subseries 4C: Circulation Records, 1781-1881, undated
- Subseries 4D: Catalogs and Inventories, 1741-1984, undated

Series 5: Other Publications, 1835-1882, undated

- Subseries 5A: About the Library Company, 1835-circa 1853, undated
- Subseries 5B: Other Library Company Works, 1869-1882

Record Group 2: Loganian Library, 1700-1960, undated

Series 1: Administrative Records, 1700-1960, undated

Series 2: Collection Records, circa 1751-1879, undated

Record Group 3: Union Library Company, 1747-1769