

History, and wrote and organized the picture book *Philadelphia: Portrait of an American City*. Wolf was named Lyell Reader in Bibliography at Oxford University for the academic year 1985-1986. The lectures that he gave at Oxford (see the Lyell Lectures in Bibliography in Series IIIb) were developed into a book called *The Book Culture of a Colonial American City: Philadelphia Books, Bookmen, and Booksellers*. The book *Library of Benjamin Franklin* was published in 2006 (with Kevin J. Hayes), and was based on Wolf's extensive research into the library of Benjamin Franklin, which he conducted over his entire career.

Wolf was comprehensively involved in the professional field of rare books and bibliography. He helped found the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries, served as President of the Bibliographical Society of America, served on the Board of the Free Library of Philadelphia, was a member of the American Philosophical Society and the American Antiquarian Society, was chairman of the Rare Books and Manuscripts section of the American Library Association, and received honorary degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and LaSalle University.

Wolf was also a civic leader and served with numerous organizations. In the 1940s and 1950s, he worked for the Community Chest, the United Fund, the Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association, and the local Jewish Welfare Board. Wolf acted as President of the Jewish Publication Society of America, the National Foundation of Jewish Culture, and the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia. He was an early board member of Philadelphia's chapter of Americans for Democratic Action. Wolf received the Philadelphia Award in 1982 for his service in the arts in Philadelphia (specifically the Mayor's Cultural Advisory Board).

Wolf married Margaret ("Peggy") Gimbel Dannenbaum in 1934, with whom he had three children. Peggy died in a car accident in 1964. In 1965, Wolf was remarried to Mary Paxson Matthews, who had four daughters, three of whom Wolf adopted. Edwin Wolf died at the age of 79 on February 20, 1991, at his home in Philadelphia.

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Scope and Contents note

The professional and personal papers of Edwin Wolf 2nd houses the professional and personal records of Edwin Wolf 2nd, Curator (1953-1955) and Librarian (1955-1984) of the Library Company of Philadelphia. This collection, which dates from 1798 to 1996 (with bulk dates of 1920 to 1988), contains