Museum Association of New York; Records

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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title: Museum Association of New York Records
ID: apap411
Date [inclusive]: 1969-2023
Physical Description: 36 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: This collection documents the day-to-day activities of the Museum Association of New York and its predecessor organizations.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:


Historical Note

First organized in 1960 as the New York State Association of Museums (NYSAM) and chartered by the New York State Education Department in 1962, as it exists today, the Museum Association of New York (MANY) is the product of a 2013-2014 merger with the Upstate History Alliance (UHA). The UHA began its life as a member of the Field Service Alliance (FSA), a nationwide organization, and operated under the name of the Regional Council of Historical Societies (RCHS) for much of its corporate life. Prior to the merger, UHA changed its name to MuseumWise. That name was discarded as part of the merger process.

Today, the Museum Association of New York is the only statewide museum service organization with more than 700 member museums, historical societies, zoos, botanical gardens, and aquariums. MANY
works with museums and museum professionals to develop and share best practices through advocacy, training, and networking opportunities.

Content Description

This collection contains administrative records, including finances, annual meeting records, council and board minutes; conference files; publications; workshop and program materials; advocacy work; subject files; grants. Given the merger and name change history within the organization, there are records of the Museum Association of New York but also of others, including the Upstate History Alliance, the Regional Council of Historical Societies, and the Federation of Historical Services.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is currently unprocessed and is not yet arranged. Individual items may be difficult to find.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed.

Access

Access to this collection is restricted because it is unprocessed. Portions of the collection may contain recent administrative records and/or personally identifiable information. Please contact an archivist for more information.
Immediate Source of Acquisition

Erika Sanger of the Museum Association of New York donated all items in this collection to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives in October 2023.

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