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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

M 564

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Unit Date

1941-1980

Mixed Materials

1 (box)

Audio

Shared Record Box 1 (box)

Language

English .

Creator

Virginia. Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Extent

0.42 Linear Feet 1 letter document case, LP case not included in extent

Repository

VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Virginia Association of Workers for the Blind, and Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, 1975 and circa 1980.

Processing Information

Photocopied materials requested by Dr. Thelma Biddle (a History professor at Virginia Commonwealth University from the 1960s-1980s) from the Perkins School for the Blind have been removed from this collection.

The names of titles and requested pages of these materials are included in the final folder of the collection. Some of these materials (such as letters between Anne Sullivan and Michael Anagnos, and between Mr. Keller and Anagnos) have been digitized by Perkins School for the Blind and are publicly available online. Other materials are held by their archives.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical Information

The Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) was established in 1922 by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The organization was first named the Virginia Commission for the Blind. The original building, which held Commission offices and some training and industrial facilities, was housed at 3003 Parkwood Avenue in Richmond, VA. Use of the building was donated by Edwin J. Gould to the Virginia Association of Workers for the Blind, who were later able to purchase and deed it to DBVI. Lucian Louis Watts was involved in founding the Virginia DBVI, and served as Executive Secretary for many years.

The mission of DBVI is to provide statewide services and resources for Virginians who are blind, vision impaired, or deafblind. This has historically included vocational training and job development, education, access to reading materials, and personal independence.

Scope and Contents

The Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) records includes publications documenting the history and purpose of DBVI; miscellaneous journals and magazines on people who are blind or have vision impairment, as well as disability issues more broadly; DBVI annual reports, a training manual, and correspondence to the Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts requesting photocopies of materials held in their library and archives.

The audio recordings in this collection are from the American Association of Workers for the Blind (AAWB) Convention held in Washington, DC, in 1953. That year, Lucian Louis Watts won the Shotwell Memorial Award in recognition of his decades of work for both DBVI and AAWB.

Related Materials

Lucian Louis Watts was the Executive Secretary of Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired for over 30 years. The Lucian Louis Watts papers, collection # M 12, is also held by Special Collections and Archives.

The Library of Virginia also holds other materials produced by the DBVI.

Keywords

Social service -- Virginia

Blind -- Services for -- Virginia

People with visual disabilities -- Education -- Virginia

People with visual disabilities -- Services for -- Virginia

Deafblind people -- Services for -- Virginia

Annual reports

Records (Documents)

Virginia. Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

The Shotwell Memorial Award and AAWB Convention is recorded on three 10 inch 33 1/3 RPM LPs.

Arrangement

Collection materials are arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Departmental program publications

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Unit Date 1941-1979

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Container 1 (folder)

Journals on education and blindness

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Unit Date 1948-1979

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Container 2 (folder)

Annual reports

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/75653

Unit Date 1948-1949

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Annual reports

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/75654

Unit Date 1950-1951

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Annual reports

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/75655

Unit Date 1953-1954

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Annual reports

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/75656

Unit Date 1955-1957

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Catalog of braille publications and directory of Richmond public schools

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/75657

Unit Date 1956-1957

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Annual report

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/75658

Unit Date 1973-1974

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Volunteer program policy manual

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/75659

Unit Date circa 1978

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Magazines on disability

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/75660

Unit Date 1979

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Photocopy request to Perkins School for the Blind

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/75661

Unit Date 1980

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Container 11 (folder)

Shotwell Memorial Award, American Association of Workers for the Blind (AAWB) Convention, parts 1-2

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Unit Date July 16, 1953

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Shotwell Memorial Award, AAWB Convention, parts 3-4

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Unit Date July 16, 1953

Audio Shared Record Box 1 (box)

Container 2 (item)

Shotwell Memorial Award, AAWB Convention, parts 5-6

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Unit Date July 16, 1953

Audio Shared Record Box 1 (box)

Container 3 (item)