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Descriptive Summary

Title: Robert Vosper Papers,

Date (inclusive): ca. 1961-1991

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Creator: Vosper, Robert

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Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.
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Abstract: Robert Gordon Vosper (1913-1994) was the director of libraries (1961-73), professor of library science (1961-83), and emeritus professor and director of William Andrews Clark Memorial Library (1966-81) at UCLA. He also served as President of the Association of College and Research Libraries (1955-56), Chairman of the Association of Research Libraries (1963), and President of the American Library Association (1965-66). The collection includes papers relating to professional meetings, committee work, teaching, and writing.

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Biography

Robert Gordon Vosper was born on June 21, 1913 in Portland, Oregon; BA (1937) and MA (1939), University of Oregon, 1939; library certificate, UC Berkeley, 1940; junior librarian, UC Berkeley, 1940-42; assistant reference librarian, Stanford University, 1942-44; head of acquisitions department (1944-48), assistant librarian (1948-49), and associate librarian (1949-52), UCLA; director of libraries, University of Kansas, 1952-61, and at UCLA, 1961-73; also professor of library science (1961-83), emeritus professor and director of William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, UCLA, 1966-81; director, Association of Research Libraries Farmington Plan Survey, 1957-58; President of the Association of College and Research Libraries (1955-56), Chairman of the Association of Research Libraries (1963), and President of the American Library Association (1965-66), awarded UCLA Man of the Year (1968), decorated as an Officer of the Order of the Crown of Belgium (1977), J.W. Lippincott Award (1985), UCLA Medal (1988), and UCLA Emeritus of the Year (1992); publications include *Acquisitions trends in American libraries* (1955), *European university libraries* (1964), and *Libraries for all* (1980); he died on May 14, 1994.

Scope and Content

Boxes 1-17 include papers relating to professional meetings, committee work, teaching, and writing.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Vosper, Robert--Archives.

University of California, Los Angeles. Library--Officials and employees--Archival resources.

College librarians--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources.

Related Material

Libraries and the inquiring mind [oral history transcript] / Robert Vosper, interviewee. UCLA Oral History Department interview, c. 1994. Available at the Department of Special Collections, UCLA.

Materials from Robert Vosper's Office

Box 1	International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) - current.
Box 2	International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) - current ([continued] until yellow paper).
Box 2	International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) - Past Meetings.
Box 3	Association of Research Libraries - Sabbaticals - Guggenheim & Fulbright.
Box 4	Committees - Visits A - K.
Box 5	Committees - Visits A - K (continued until yellow paper).
Boxes 5-6	American Library Association (ALA).
Box 7	American Library Association (ALA) (continued until yellow paper).
Boxes 7-8	School of Library Service (SLS) - International & Comparative (a seminar for SLS).
Box 9	School of Library Service (SLS) - 400 Introduction to Librarianship.
Box 10	School of Library Service (SLS) - 400 Introduction to Librarianship (continued until yellow paper).
Boxes 10-11	Farmington Plan Committee - GAC & UNESCO.
Boxes 12-13	Committees & Visits L - Z.
Boxes 13-19	Reprints & Publications by R.V.