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# Preliminary Inventory to the Beverly A. Sperring Papers 1952-2010



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.2011-178
<b>Title</b>	Sperring, Beverly A., Papers
<b>Date</b>	1952-2010
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<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** Beverly A. Sperring began her career in 1967 with the University of Chicago libraries as an Assistant Reference Librarian in Harper Memorial Library. She continued to have a career with the University of Chicago until her retirement in 2011. Beverly Sperring documented her tenure with the University of Chicago as well as the historic changes of the libraries. The materials in this collection include a library reference manual, a large collection of photographs of library staff gatherings, library exhibitions and remodeling efforts. Also included are Orientation newspapers, ephemeral materials, articles and timelines tracing the history of the University of Chicago library system.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Sperring, Beverly A., Papers, Accession 2011-178 [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### **Biographical Note**

Originally from Rochester, New York, Beverly A. Sperring graduated from the University of Chicago Graduate Library School in 1966. In January 1967, Beverly began her career with University of Chicago libraries as an Assistant Reference Librarian in Harper Memorial Library. She continued to work at the Joseph Regenstein Library and held various positions in Reference such as Assistant Head of Reference and Information Services Department for a number of years. Sperring also served as Collections Manager of the General Reference Collection which involved the selection and funding of all general reference books in the Reference Department as well as many campuswide databases.

In 1980, the Regenstein reference librarians started the Orientation Newspaper, a publication prepared for fall orientation of incoming, mostly undergraduate, students to expose them to available library services and events. Beverly participated in the creation of this publication and was asked to take photographs for the newspaper due to her interest in photography.

Prior to her library career, Beverly worked for Kodak in Rochester, New York. Her passion for photography enabled her to act as an unofficial photographer who meticulously documented major library events and expansion efforts.

### **Scope Note**

The materials in this collection include a library reference manual, a large collection of photographs of library staff gatherings, library exhibitions and remodeling efforts. Also included are Orientation newspapers, ephemeral materials, articles and timelines tracing the history of the University of Chicago library system. This collection would be of value to researchers interested in University of Chicago library history, the historical development of image technology, and a librarian's documentation of how libraries have evolved to meet the changing needs of its patrons.

### **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

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Computer Workstation Signs, University of Chicago Library, 1999

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Library Catalog Orientation Materials, Horizon Training Team, University of Chicago Library, 1995

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User Guide, Online Database System, LDMS, University of Chicago Library, 1986

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Library Newsletters, 1995-2008

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Long-range Plans, University of Chicago Library, 1990

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Announcements, Last Convocation Brochure, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, 1985-1990

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Library Handbook, Rules and Regulations, Online Catalog Guide, University of Chicago Library, 1989-1991

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Library Society Newsletters, Library Guides, University of Chicago Library, 1988-2008

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Introductions, Floor plans, The Joseph Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, 1983-2000

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Brochures, Botanic Garden, Hyde Park & Chicago, University of Chicago, n.d.

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Annual Report, Reference Department, Regenstein Library, 1957-1958
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Invitations & Brochures to Lectures & Exhibitions, University of Chicago Library Society, 1995-2004
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Photographic & Computer Imaging Worksheets, University of Chicago Medical Center, 2002

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