Preliminary Inventory to the Beverly A. Sperring Papers 1952-2010
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**Descriptive Summary**

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**Title**
Sperring, Beverly A., Papers

**Date**
1952-2010

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15.25 linear feet (4 boxes and 2 oversize folders)

**Repository**
Special Collections Research Center
University of Chicago Library
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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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Box 1
Computer Workstation Signs, University of Chicago Library, 1999

Box 1
Library Catalog Orientation Materials, Horizon Training Team, University of Chicago Library, 1995

Box 1
User Guide, Online Database System, LDMS, University of Chicago Library, 1986

Box 1
History of LDMS in Pictures, n.d.

Box 1
Library Newsletters, 1995-2008

Box 1
Long-range Plans, University of Chicago Library, 1990

Box 1
Announcements, Last Convocation Brochure, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, 1985-1990

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Box 1
Library Society Newsletters, Library Guides, University of Chicago Library, 1988-2008

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University of Chicago Magazine, 1985-2008

Box 1
Brochures, Botanic Garden, Hyde Park & Chicago, University of Chicago, n.d.

Box 1
User Survey & Space Utilization Study, University of Chicago Library, 1995

Box 1
Brochures, Crerar Library, Middle Eastern Collection, Special Collections Research Center, 1989

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Library Journal, Volume 125, No. 10, 2000

Box 1
Correspondence, 1981-1990

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Reference Room Manual (C), Regenstein Library, Folder 2, 1973-1984

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Reference Room Manual (D-H), Regenstein Library, Folder 3, 1965-1976

Box 1
Reference Room Manual (I-L), Regenstein Library, Folder 4, 1956-1977

Box 1
Reference Room Manual (M-N), Regenstein Library, Folder 5, 1965-1980

Box 1
Reference Room Manual (O-Z), Regenstein Library, Folder 6, 1965-1984

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Sperring, Digital Photographs & Data, Catalyst for Change, 2004

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Sperring, Digital Photographs & Data, University of Chicago Library Newsletter, 2002-2005

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Sperring, Data on LDMS Archive, 1999

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Audio Lectures on the Internet & Online Systems, early 1990s

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Sperring, Photographs, Privileges Office, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Photographs, Music, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Photographs & Negatives, Interlibrary Loan, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Photographs, Interior & Exterior, Regenstein Library, 1970

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Sperring, Photographs, Interior & Exterior, Eckhart Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Photographs, Interior & Exterior, Before & After 1987 Restoration, D’Angelo Law Library, 1980s

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Sperring, Photographs, Chemistry Move, Crerar Library, 2003

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Sperring, Photographs, Employees, Regenstein Library, 2003

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Sperring, Photographs, Evolution of Technology, Online Catalogs, Regenstein Library, 1990s

Box 2
Sperring, Previously Mounted Photographs, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Kodachrome Slides, Library Orientation Presentation given by Martin, 1985

**Box 2**
Sperring, Kodachrome Slides, University of Chicago Libraries, 1992

**Box 2**
Sperring, Kodachrome Slides, University of Chicago Flora, 1978

**Box 2**
Coasters given to Library Patrons, Librarian Badge, n.d.

**Box 2**
Postcards, University of Chicago Libraries, 1988

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Sperring, Photographs, Color, Staff, University of Chicago Libraries, n.d.

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Sperring, Photographs, Color, Staff, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Photographs, University of Chicago Centennial, 1991-1992

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Sperring, Photographs, Black & White, Staff, University of Chicago Libraries, 1968

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Sperring, Photographs, Black & White, Orientation, Regenstein Library, 1980s

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Sperring, Photographs, Opening of Crerar Library & Other Photographs, 1984

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Sperring, Photographs, University of Chicago, 2002-2006

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Sperring, Photographs, Black & White, Regenstein Library, 1989-2001

**Box 2**
Sperring, Photographs, Sabrina, Chancellor Sawyer & Dad, 1998

**Box 2**
Sperring, Photographs, History of Jazz Exhibit, Regenstein Library, 1998

**Box 2**
Sperring, Photographs, Oversize, University of Chicago, n.d.

**Box 2**
Sperring, Photographs, Chicago Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, 2003

**Box 2**
Sperring, Photographs, Staff Birthdays, University of Chicago Libraries, 1999

**Box 2**
Sperring, Photographs, Chicago Card Swipe Entrance, Regenstein Library, 2004

**Box 2**
Sperring, Photographs, Academic Quadrangle, View from Regenstein Library, 2002

**Box 2**
Sperring, Photographs, Outdoor Fair, Graduate School of Business, 2003

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Sperring, Photographs, Staff, Regenstein Library, 1999
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Sperring, Photographs, Harper Exhibit, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Contact Sheet, Color, Staff, University of Chicago Libraries, 1999-2001

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Sperring, Photographic Reels, Color, n.d.

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Sperring, Contact Sheets, Black & White, University of Chicago Libraries, n.d.

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Sperring, Negatives, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Contact Sheets, Negatives & Photographs, Black & White, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Contact Sheets & Negatives, University of Chicago Libraries, 1980-1987

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Sperring, Contact Sheets & Negatives, University of Chicago, 1998

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Sperring, Contact Sheets & Negatives, Regenstein Library, 1999

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Sperring, Photographs, University of Chicago Libraries, 1999-2003

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Sperring, Photograph, Flood in Regenstein Library, 2003

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Sperring, Photograph, Staff, University of Chicago Libraries, 1967

Box 2
Sperring, Photographs, Color, Memorial Trees, Regenstein Library, n.d.

Box 2
Sperring, Photographs, Memos, University of Chicago Libraries, 2001

Box 2
The Trust Quarterly, Winter 1989

Box 2
University Announcements, University of Chicago, 1952-1953

Box 2
RBIC Emergency Phone Directory, 2006

Box 2
Annual Report, Reference Department, Regenstein Library, 1957-1958

Box 2
Invitations & Brochures to Lectures & Exhibitions, University of Chicago Library Society, 1995-2004

Box 2
Photographic & Computer Imaging Worksheets, University of Chicago Medical Center, 2002

Box 2
Brochures, University of Chicago Libraries, 1979-1999

Box 3
Sperring, Photographs, Color, Circulation Desk & Entrance, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Photographs, Color, 1st Floor, Regenstein Library, n.d.

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Sperring, Photographs, Color, 1st Floor Online Catalog, Regenstein Library, n.d.

Box 3
Sperring, Photographs, Color, 1st Floor Card Catalog, Regenstein Library, n.d.

Box 3
Sperring, Photographs, Color, 1st Floor Reference Desk, Regenstein Library, n.d.

Box 3
Sperring, Photographs, Color, 1st Floor Networked Information Sources, Regenstein Library, n.d.

Box 3
Sperring, Photographs, Color, Special Research Departments, Regenstein Library, n.d.

Box 3
Sperring, Photographs, Color, Staff, Regenstein Library, n.d.

Box 3
Sperring, Photographs, Color, Construction & Remodeling, Regenstein Library, n.d.

Box 3
Information Sheets, University of Chicago Library Information System, 1991

Box 3
Regenstein Library Staff Memorial Programs, 2000-2007

Box 3
Signed Cartoon, David Farley, 2002

Box 3
Business Card, Baby Announcement, Photocopy of Painting, 2000

Box 3
Passwords, FDLP Applications, 1998

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Box 4
Newspaper Articles, University of Chicago Libraries, Chicago Tribune, 2008-2010

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Poster, Martin Luther King Week, University of Chicago, 2007

Box 4
Orientation Newspapers, University of Chicago Libraries, Folder 1, 1980-2000

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Orientation Newspapers, University of Chicago Libraries, Folder 2, 1999-2005

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Chicago Maroon, 2008
The University of Chicago Chronicle, 2008

Box 4
Poster, Persian Poetry and Painting, Fogg Art Museum, 1985

Box 4
Poster, Events in Special Collections Research Center, Regenstein Library, 2006-2009

Box 4
Enlarged Contact Sheets, Panoramic Photograph, University of Chicago, n.d.

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Poster, Chicago Card, n.d.

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Poster, Map, University of Chicago Library Locations, n.d.

Folder 2
Timelines, University of Chicago Library Chronology From 1891-2004, 1987