

Preliminary Guide to the The Harold Washington Library Center Collection

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The collection consists of submission proposals and technical specifications from the five architectural firms that participated in the Harold Washington Library Center competition in Chicago in 1988. Also included are public comments and records of the Technical Review Committee.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Thomas Beeby, 1989.

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Biographical / Historical

The Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Public Library's central building, is designed in the neo-classical style, using elements of both ancient Greek and Roman architecture. It was designed by Thomas Beeby, of the firm Hammond, Beeby and Babka, who won the 1998 competition conducted by the library. At the time of its opening, on October 7, 1991, the Harold Washington Library Center was the largest public library in the world, at 756,640 square feet.

Scope and Contents

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b. 1	The Buck Turner Association (formerly The John Buck Company): submission proposal, technical specifications and narrative	1988 May
b. 1	Metropolitan Structures Limited Partnership (formerly Metropolitan/Lohan): submission proposal	1988 May
b. 2	Library '88 Partnership: submission proposals and technical specifications [vols. I-II and appendix]	1988 May
b. 3	The Chicago Library Team, Inc. (formerly Paschen-Tishman-Jahn): Design/Build proposal (4 vols.)	1988 May
	The SEBUS Group: submission proposals and technical specifications See: Box 5	
b. 3, f. 1-2	Public comments	1988 May 15-19
b. 3, f. 3	Energy system evaluations	1988 June
	Technical Review Team requests for clarification	
b. 3, f. 4	The Buck-Turner Association	1988 May
b. 3, f. 5	Metropolitan Structures, Ltd.	1988 May
b. 3, f. 6	Library '88 Partnership	1988 May
b. 3, f. 7	The SEBUS Group	1988 May
b. 3, f. 8	The Chicago Library Team, Inc.	1988 May
b. 4	Technical Review Committee Report (4 vols.)	1988
b. 4A	Video review of finalists in the Design/Build competition <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i> Original audiovisual materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be played. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist must pay for a use copy, which is retained by the repository. Researchers wishing to obtain an additional copy for their personal use should consult Copying Services information on the Manuscripts and Archives web site.	1988 June
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	Drawings	
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Architecture -- Designs and plans
Library architecture
Library buildings

Corporate Body

Harold Washington Library Center (Chicago
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