

Collection Summary

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Title: Library Services Collection

Extent: 6 Boxes

Span Dates: 1960's – 2020's

Language: English

Geographic Location: Indiana

Abstract: This collection consists of newsletters, reports, budget information, and other items from the David L. Rice Library at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana from 1967 to 2021.

Historical Notes: The library supporting the fledgling institution consisted of two small classrooms on the second floor of the old school building with the reference materials stacked against the walls. A bell on the desk summoned the librarian or assistant. In January 1966, the library received a \$5,000 grant to improve conditions; the money was used to purchase basic reference materials. As the new university continued to experience rapid growth, it became increasingly clear that a permanent home was needed for its expanding library services. The new library became the second building on campus and opened in 1971 at a cost of \$2,500,000. The three-story facility was built to house 150,000 volumes and provide reading and study areas. The former library building currently serves as University Center East. In 1992, the University honored founding president David L. Rice by naming the building the David L. Rice Library. As the university approached the new millennium and its 40th anniversary as an institution, it was still growing. In 2004, enrollment reached 10,000 students. After years of planning, the University of Southern Indiana broke ground for a new \$28,000,000 library on June 1, 2004. Construction began almost immediately. On September 15, 2005, a special ceremony was held during the university's Founders Day celebration to set the cornerstone for the new library building. The current building was finished in the spring of 2006. [USI.edu: David L. Rice Library \(A Brief History of Library Facilities at the University of Southern Indiana\)](http://www.usi.edu/libraries/history)

Selected Search Terms

Keywords: Academics; Campus; Campus Buildings; Events and Speakers; Student Life; University Committees; University Correspondence; University History; University Organizations; University Personnel; University Records

Related Materials: University Governance; University Materials -- 1965-1970; University Materials -- 1971-1980; University Materials -- 1981-1990; University Materials -- 1991-2000; University Materials -- 2001-2010; University Materials -- 2011-2020; University Materials -- 2021-2030; University Materials -- n.d.

Administrative Information

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