

Guide to the Brooklyn Eagle Libraries Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* Newspaper
Title: Brooklyn Eagle Libraries Collection
Date Span: 1894 - 1925
Abstract: The *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* published pamphlets of general interest on a monthly basis from 1894 through 1925. These were often copies of local government documents like the New York State Constitution, the Charter of the City of New York, and their laws. The libraries also served as guides on timely issues like upcoming elections and summer resort options. General interest topics like housekeeping, automobile maintenance, and entertainment are also covered.
Quantity: 219 pamphlets in 9 document boxes
Location: Central Library, Brooklyn Collection Reserve Room
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Historical Note

Founded in 1841 by Isaac Van Anden and Henry Cruse Murphy, *The Brooklyn Daily Eagle* was published as a daily newspaper for 114 consecutive years without missing a single edition. The newspaper, originally conceived as a temporary political forum for the 1842 election, ironically lived the longest and absorbed all other Brooklyn daily papers except the *Brooklyn Citizen*. At one point the *Eagle* actually became the nation's most widely read afternoon newspaper. Unusual among major metropolitan daily newspapers of that time period, the *Eagle* chronicled national and international affairs as well as local news and daily life in Brooklyn. As a result *The Brooklyn Daily Eagle* provides a window into Brooklyn's past, as well as documentation of national and international events that shaped history.

The *Eagle* played a vital role in the community of Brooklyn's self-identification as separate from and even better than Manhattan. Brooklyn existed as an independent city until the consolidation with New York City in 1898. Conceiving and promoting the building of the Brooklyn Bridge, the *Eagle* took an active role in developing the bridge a symbol of Brooklyn's pride. The paper also coined the phrase describing Brooklyn

as "the borough of homes and churches." With offices in Brooklyn, New York, Washington, Paris and London, the *Eagle* became one of the borough's greatest institutions.

Distinguished editors of the *Eagle* included Walt Whitman, Thomas Kinsella, St. Clair McKelway, Cleveland Rodgers, and Frank D. Schroth.

The rise and fall of the *Eagle* coincided with economic development in Brooklyn. The paper folded in 1955 after a prolonged strike called by the New York Newspaper Guild. At the time it closed it employed 681 people and did an annual business in the sum of approximately \$6 million.

Scope and Content

This collection is a nearly complete set of the Brooklyn Eagle Libraries, comprising 220 pamphlets that span from 1894 to 1925. Topics covered in the collection include state and local laws, civil service exam guides, and election guides as well as handbooks on home maintenance, cooking, and self-improvement. A special issue on resort listings in the United States and abroad was published every year. In total, the Brooklyn Eagle Libraries aimed to provide a general reference collection for a well-informed citizen.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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[Brooklyn \(New York, N.Y.\) -- Social life and customs.](#)

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[Law -- New York \(State\)](#)

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

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A Political Hand book For The Voters Of Long Island	Vol. 2 No. 2		September	1895	1
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