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ARCHIVES Finding Aid

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Multicultural Celebrations Series Collection

Inclusive: 1990-2009

Descriptive Summary

Collection ID: A 2017.1

Repository: Boston Children's Museum Archives

Title: Multicultural Celebrations Collection

Creator(s): Leslie Swartz and others

Dates: Inclusive: 1990-2009,

Extent: 2.5 linear feet; 4 Boxes

Language(s) of Materials: English

Abstract: The Multicultural Celebrations series, complete with 18 books and accompanying teacher's guides and audio tapes, was planned and executed with the help of a grant in the years 1990-1995. The series encouraged teachers to broaden classroom activities to be more inclusive rather than celebrating only European-based holidays. Leslie Swartz, then Director of Teacher Services, worked with Modern Curriculum Press, a division of Simon & Schuster, to develop the curriculum. The series books are: Carnival, Chinese New Year's Dragon, Dara's Cambodian New Year, Fiesta!, A First Passover, Imani's Gift at Kwanzaa, Korean Children's Day, Powwow, Strawberry Thanksgiving, Têt: The New Year, Three Kings' Day, Who am I?, Obon, Ravi's Diwali Surprise, Happy Birthday Dr. King!, Laila's Wedding, Mother's Day (El Día de las Madres), and A First Clay Gathering.

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Acquisition Information

Provenance/Custodial History: Files came from Joan Lester.

Transfer: August 4 2017.

Background Information

Historical Note: The Multicultural Celebration series brought together Boston Children’s Museum, authors, and illustrators in the creation of the 18-book series. The series was the first time an author and illustrator from the same culture came together to publish. The series sold over \$1 million worth of books, and over 500,000 copies.

Collection Information

Scope and Content: This collection includes documents about the planning of the entire Celebration Series, as well as documents relating to each book published. It also includes the resulting complete set of the Multicultural Celebrations Series (Hardcover and softcover book, teacher guide, poster, and audio cassette tape. The first archival series is documentation about the entirety of the Multicultural Celebration Series. It includes copyright information and certificates, bibliographies, Book Award information, and PR & marketing event information, and Royalty Requests. The second archival series documents each book published and its related information, such as notes, teacher guides drafts, contracts, and audio cassette scripts. The third series is a complete set of the resulting Multicultural Celebrations Series.

Arrangement: The first series documents the entire collection, and the second series documents the books published, and is arranged in alphabetical order by title. The third series of the complete set of materials is also in alphabetical order by title.

Processing Information

Processed by: Caroline Turner, 2018.

Rules or Conventions of Finding Aid: Prepared following Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)

Contents Inventory

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<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Series I: Multicultural Celebration Series Documentation</i>	1991-2009
Bibliographies	1991
Author and Artist Addresses	1993
Corrections	1991-1993
Copyrights: Celebration Series	1991
Copyrights: Audio Recordings	1991
Copyright	1991-1992
MCP Copyrights	1991
Copyright: MCP II	1993-1994
Copyright Certificates	1994

Celebration Essays	Undated
Book Award Information	1993-1994
PR and Events	1991-1992
Royalty Requests	1990-1994
Modern Curriculum Press	1994-1995
MCP Contract	1990-2009
MC Celebrations	2003-2004
Modern Curriculum Press Audio Cassette Text	1991

<i>Series 2: Documentation for Books Published</i>	1983-1993
Carnival	
Katheryn Jones Contract	1991
Jump Up	Undated
Jump Up Teacher Guide	1991
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Chinese New Year	
Rachel Sing Contract	1990-1991
Chinese New Year	1991
Teacher Guide	1991
Notes	1991
Dara's New Year	
Sothea Chiemruom Contract	1991
Cambodian New Year	Undated
Teacher Guide	1990-1991
Cambodian New Year Notes	1990-1991
Fiesta!	
Fiesta!	1991
Teacher Guide	Undated
Fiesta! Notes	Undated
A First Clay Gathering	
Nora Naranjo-Morse Contract	1992-1993
Teacher Guide	Undated
Cassette Script	1993
Notes	Undated
A First Passover	
Sophie Schiller Contract	1990
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Teacher Guide	1991
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Teacher Guide	1991, 1993, undated
Cassette Script	Undated
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Imani's Gift at Kwanzaa	
Denise Burden-Patman Contract	1991
Teacher Guide	1991
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Young Mi Pak Contract	1991
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Cassette Script	1992
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Linda Coombs Contract	1991
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Ravi's Diwali Surprise	
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Cassette Script	Undated
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Strawberry Thanksgiving	
Paulla Jennings Contract	1990-1991
Strawberry Thanksgiving	1990
Teacher Guide	1991
Notes	Undated
Têt: The New Year	
Kim-lan Tran Contract	1990-1991
Têt: The New Year	1991
Teacher Guide	1990-1991
Notes	Undated
Three Kings' Day	
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Ayelette Jenness Contract	1992
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Dara's Cambodian New Year	1992
Fiesta!	1992
A First Clay Gathering	1994
A First Passover	1992
Happy Birthday Dr. King!	1994
Imani's Gift at Kwanzaa	1992
Korean Children's Day	1992
Laila's Wedding	1994
Mother's Day (Día de Las Madres)	1994
Obon	1994
Powwow	1992
Ravi's Diwali Surprise	1994
Strawberry Thanksgiving	1992
Têt: The New Year	1992
Three Kings' Day	1992
Who Am I?	1992

