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Scottish Library Association History

Following a meeting at the fourth Library Association conference in Scotland, in Glasgow 1907, Scottish librarians discussed the question of forming a branch of the Association, or establishing a separate Association for Scotland. The Scottish Library Association (SLA) was formally inaugurated at a meeting held in Edinburgh on 24 October 1908. In 1929 The SLA was invited to become a branch member of the Library Association. In 1930 members voted 174 to 8 in favour of a closer union between the two Associations. The new 'branch' of the Library Association retained the constitution of the Association it superseded, and the fact that Scottish libraries operate under their own Acts of Parliament gave the new branch a status in the Library Association different from that of the regional branches in England and Wales. In 2002 the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) was formed as a result of the amalgamation of the Library Association and the Institute of Information Scientists. At this time CILIP in Scotland (CILIPS) was formed. The relationship between CILIP and CILIPS is defined by an internal agreement signed in 1995 which gives the basis for CILIPS to operate under a devolved model. Policy, finances, operational matters and advocacy are devolved to CILIPS Council and Staff.

Scope and Content

The archive contains the minutes, correspondence, committee papers, working group papers and reports produced by the SLA from 1912-2005, before it became CILIPS in 2002. Also included are photographs from various SLA conferences, video cassette tapes and CD-ROMs produced by the AV Scot Archive which is the Scottish branch of the Library Association Audio Visual Group. The archive contains a small collection of materials belonging to William B Paton, former President of the SLA, and a number of Dissertations and Theses which were held by the SLA. The archive also contains a small selection of correspondence with the Library Association as well as minutes from several Library Association committees.

Arrangement

The Accession originally came with materials from the Library and Information Services Council Scotland (LISCS) and the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC). These materials were removed to become Acc.13657.

The earlier SLA minutes are in bound volumes with later years placed into folders. This order has been maintained by adding the materials from their original folders into manuscript folders. The working group papers and reports have been arranged chronologically, but in instances where there is the same start date, the group with the shortest duration appears first. The original working group papers were in designated folders and this order has been maintained in their transfer to manuscript folders. The photographs were originally put into a single box, most often loose and without any identifying marks. Loose photographs have

been gathered into manuscripts folders while those photographs which were originally in their protective packets have been placed directly into archive boxes to maintain their original order. The W.B. Paton archive has been added to the end of the SLA archive, along with the dissertations and theses held by the SLA.

A small number of papers held by the SLA but not part of their minutes, correspondence, committee papers, working group papers and reports, have been added to the SLA miscellaneous papers section at the end of the archive.

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1. SLA Minutes 1912-1921.
2. SLA Minutes 1922-1928.
3. SLA Minutes 1929-1934.
4. SLA Minutes 1934-1938.
5. SLA Minutes 1938-1946.
6. SLA Minutes 1947-April 1954.
7. SLA Minutes May 1964-April 1958.
8. SLA Minutes May 1958-January 1966.
9. SLA Minutes February 1966 – March 1970.
10. SLA Minutes April-December 1970.
11. SLA Minutes 1971.
12. SLA Minutes 1972.
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40. SLA Minutes 2000.
41. SLA Minutes 2001.
42. SLA Minutes 2002-2005.
43. SLA Loose Minutes 1967-1988.
44. SLA Council Minutes 1978-1981.
45. SLA Libraries in Education Committee Minutes 1984-1987.

46-52 Scottish Library Association Branch Members' Minutes

46. SLA Edinburgh and East of Scotland Branch Minutes 1923-1924; 1951-1952.
47. SLA Central Scotland Branch Minutes 1949-1962.
48. SLA North and West of Scotland Branch Minutes 1967-1973.

49. SLA Tayside Branch Minutes 1971-1977
50. SLA Tayside Branch Minutes 1978-1989.
51. SLA Tayside Branch Minutes 1990-1994.
52. SLA Tayside Branch Minutes 1995-1999.

53-56 Scottish Library Association correspondence

53. SLA Correspondence November 1969-August 1970, mostly concerning upcoming conferences and SLA Working Groups.
54. SLA Correspondence September 1970-August 1972, mostly concerning upcoming conferences and SLA Working Groups.
55. SLA Correspondence September 1972-May 1973, mostly concerning upcoming conferences and SLA Working Groups.
56. SLA Correspondence January-June 1973, mostly concerning upcoming conferences and SLA Working Groups.

57-80 Scottish Library Association Working Groups, Papers, and Reports

57. SLA Memorandum for Library Legislation for Scotland, 1965-1967, to redress the disparity in standards of public library service in Scotland compared to England and Wales (1).
58. SLA Memorandum for Library Legislation for Scotland, 1965-1967, to redress the disparity in standards of public library service in Scotland compared to England and Wales (2).
59. SLA Working Group on Standards for Public Library Service, 1968-1969, which builds on the previous Memorandum (1).
60. SLA Working Group on Standards for Public Library Service, 1968-1969, which builds on the previous Memorandum (2).
61. SLA Working Group on Standards for Public Library Service, 1968-1969, which builds on the previous Memorandum(3).
62. SLA Working Group on Standards for Public Library Service, 1968-1969, which builds on the previous Memorandum (4).
63. SLA Co-operative Information Services, 1967-1971, to consider schemes for the provision of scientific and technical information in libraries.
64. SLA Papers on Local Government re-organisation, 1970-1973, to consider the implications for library services of the re-organisation.
65. SLA Papers on College Libraries, 1971-1972, to establish standards of library provision in Colleges of Technology and other Establishments.

66. SLA Working Group on Public Library Legislation, 1977-1983, to examine the present state of all forms of library service in Scotland, their standards, relationships and effectiveness.
67. SLA Working Group on Public Library Legislation, 1983, to examine the present state of all forms of library service in Scotland, their standards, relationships and effectiveness.
68. SLA Working Group on Statistics, April 1982-September 1983, to review the statistical information available concerning Scottish libraries, and to report with recommendations.
69. SLA Working Group on Statistics, October 1983-April 1984, to review the statistical information available concerning Scottish libraries, and to report with recommendations.
70. SLA Papers on Public Library Expenditure in Scotland, 1982-2000, providing statistical information on library expenditure, divided into regions.
71. SLA Papers on Schools and Social Impact of Libraries, 1990, to assess the organisational structure for the Education Service within the Strathclyde Region.
72. SLA Working Group on Libraries and Further Education, 1993, to review the services and resources of libraries in further education colleges in Scotland.
73. SLA Papers on Local Government Re-organisation, 1993-1994, on the role of public libraries following re-organisation (1).
74. SLA Papers on Local Government Re-organisation, 1993-1994, on the role of public libraries following re-organisation (2).
75. SLA Papers on Local Government Re-organisation, 1993-1994, on the role of public libraries following re-organisation (3).
76. SLA Netbook Agreement, 1993-1995, to look at servicing in the libraries, and the services which libraries would require in future from library suppliers.
77. SLA Rediscovering Reading Promotion, 1995, to promote reading throughout Scotland especially among children.
78. SLA responses to Reports, 1995-1996, mainly in response to recently passed government legislation affecting libraries.
79. SLA Website Proposals, 1996, to create a WWW site to provide information on library and information services in Scotland.

80. SLA Library Resources Exhibitions, 1996 and 1998, relating to the organisation of the exhibitions.

81-89 Scottish Library Association Committee Papers

81. SLA Library Co-operation Committee, 1979-1980, to look at the future development of libraries.
82. SLA Constitutional Sub-Committee, 1981, to discuss the future links of the SLA with the LA.
83. SLA Public Libraries Committee, 1982-1984, to record information from SLA Working Groups.
84. SLA Papers of Chairmen's Committee, 1983-1984, monitor the various SLA Committees' activities.
85. SLA Policy Committee, 1983-1986, to decide on SLA policy.
86. SLA Publications Committee, 1985-1987, to record the publications undertaken by SLA.
87. SLA Special Libraries Committee, May 1985-January 1987, to provide information on the level of provision of services, staff and stock in a wide range of Scottish special libraries.
88. SLA Special Libraries Committee, February 1987-February 1988, to provide information on the level of provision of services, staff and stock in a wide range of Scottish special libraries.
89. SLA Council Papers, 1986, mainly minutes of meetings and correspondence relating to Council meetings.

90-94 Scottish Library Association Pamphlets and conference booking forms

90. SLA Conference Booking Forms 1968-1989.
91. SLA Conference Booking Forms 1989-2002.
92. SLA Library Short Course Booking Forms 1990-2004.
93. SLA Pamphlets 1982-1993.
94. SLA Local Branches – Tayside/West of Scotland Newsletters 1985-1990.

95-103 Scottish Library Association Photographs

95. SLA Conference Photographs in Envelopes, mostly from SLA Conferences, 1987-1996.
96. SLA Photographs, mostly SLA Conferences, 1997; 1999-2000 and International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Conference, 2002.
97. SLA Loose Photographs, last quarter of the 20th century, mostly of libraries around Scotland, library events and promotions, and SLA Conferences (1).
98. SLA Loose Photographs, last quarter of the 20th century, mostly of libraries around Scotland, library events and promotions, and SLA Conferences (2).
99. SLA Loose Photographs, last quarter of the 20th century, mostly of libraries around Scotland, library events and promotions, and SLA Conferences (3).
100. SLA Loose Photographs, last quarter of the 20th century, mostly of libraries around Scotland, library events and promotions, and SLA Conferences (4).
101. SLA Photographs in Envelopes, last quarter of the 20th century, mostly of the interiors and exteriors of libraries throughout Scotland.
102. SLA Loose 35mm slides / SLA Photograph Negatives / Photographs of Scottish Libraries 1930s – 1950s.
103. Boxes of ** 35mm slides mostly of Scottish libraries. Two boxes of 347 slides are of the interiors and exteriors of libraries in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Banff, Dumbarton, Lanark, Orkney, Renfrew, Airdrie, Stirling, Dumfries, Falkirk, Dunfermline, Hamilton, Kilmarnock, Kirkcaldy, Argyll, Paisely, Peterhead, Rutherglen, and Dounreay. One box of 26 slides are mostly of artworks and engravings

104 Scottish Library Association Multimedia

104. AV Scot Archive (Scottish Branch of the Library Association Audio Visual Group), 1980-1982, containing photographs of the 'Creation and application: practical use of audio-visual media in libraries' Conference, 1980.
VHS of AV Scot lecture on video disc - Jordanhill College, 1981.
VHS of SLA Scottish Writers interview material with Janice Galloway, Des Dillon, and Berard McLaverty.
VHS of NOW film.
3.5in Floppy disk, with title: Powerpoint - Accounts History.
CD ROM, Learn IT: helping front-line public library staff to support adult returners, 2001.
CD ROM, Copyright Maze, 2002.

CD ROM, Photographs of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Conference, 2002.

CD ROM, Photographs of the interiors and exteriors of Glasgow City Libraries, 2003.

CD ROM, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland (CILIPS) Annual Report, 2003.

CD ROM, Photographs of 150 years of Dundee Libraries, 2003.

CD ROM, Information handling skills, 2003-4.

CD ROM, Florida Libraries' Study on Return on Investment, 2006.

105-109 W.B. Paton Archive held by the Scottish Library Association

- 105. Speeches Toasts and Tributes of, and to, W.B. Paton – presented in 1987.
- 106. Cartoons connected to Libraries, Books and Bookshops – collected by W.B. Paton.
- 107. Newspapers cuttings and ephemera relating to W.B. Paton 1926-1937.
- 108. Newspapers cuttings and ephemera relating to W.B. Paton 1951-1967.
- 109. Newspapers cuttings and ephemera relating to W.B. Paton 1964-1978.

110-112 Dissertations and Theses held by Scottish Library Association

- 110. Thesis - 'Greenock Libraries: A development and social history, 1635-1967' (1968) J.T. Hamilton, A.L.A. Thesis for Fellowship of Library Association.
- 111. Dissertation – 'A History of Lanark County Libraries 1921-1950' (1973) Helen G. Sloss. Department of Librarianship, University of Strathclyde.
- 112. Dissertation – 'A private sector library initiative in outreach. The case of the Scottish Poetry Library in Edinburgh' (1998) Euan McCulloch. Department of Information Science, University of Strathclyde.

113-129 Scottish Library Association Miscellaneous Papers

- 113. SLA Miscellaneous Papers, 1969-2006 (1).
- 114. SLA Miscellaneous Papers, 1969-2006 (2).
- 115. SLA Guide 'Introduction for Reference Work', by Jenny Ewing and Sheila McCullough (1993).

116. The Burghs of Scotland, and The Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1833, 1985.
117. The Burghs of Scotland, and The Police of Towns (Scotland) Act 1850, 1987.
118. The Burghs of Scotland, and The Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1833, 1989.
119. The Burghs of Scotland, and The Police of Towns (Scotland) Act 1850, 1989.
120. The Burghs of Scotland, and The Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1833, The Police of Towns (Scotland) Act 1850, The General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act 1862, An introductory note, 1991.
121. The Burghs of Scotland, and The General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act 1862, part 1, 1991.
122. The Burghs of Scotland, and The General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act 1862, part 2, 1991.
123. Library Association Correspondence 1986-1989.
124. Library Association Executive Committee Minutes 1993.
125. Library Association Executive Committee Minutes 1994.
126. The Library Association Library and Information Services Committee Minutes 1993.
127. The Library Association Library and Information Services Committee Minutes 1994.
128. Library Association Equal Opportunities Sub-Committee Minutes 1993-1994.
129. Library Association Education Committee Minutes 1993-1994.