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Introduction to the Collection

This collection includes a variety of scholarly non-fiction and general interest fiction and non-fiction related to gay and lesbian studies, with a strong emphasis on materials related to gay male history, culture, and literature. The items were received in a June 2016 donation from Les, a resident of Hillsborough County. A native of Hawaii who came of age in California, Les met Richard, a man who grew up along the coast of southeast Florida. For more than four decades, their friendship, partnership, and marriage took them to careers and opportunities in various areas of the United States, as well as travels throughout the world. In the spring of 2016, Richard passed away. The materials in this collection form the core of their extensive library that focused on LGBTQ+ history, although the larger collection of monographs acquired by Richard and Les covered everything from aviation to railroads, popular fiction to technical papers. Those other materials were not included in this donation.

Preservation and Restriction Note

While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of printed materials, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile materials, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Protective gloves should be worn when handling all fragile materials. A small portion of this collection includes materials that include both historical and contemporary treatments of gay male erotica. For some materials, access may be restricted. Library staff will evaluate photocopying or digitization requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection. Patrons using this collection must adhere to copyright and Fair Use guidelines and provide proper citation of sources appearing in their research.



Provenance of the “Richard and Les” Pride Collection of Monographs

This collection falls under the areas of LGBTQ+ and Literature and Humanities provenance of the Special Collections and University Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

Access to the Collection

Bibliographic information regarding publications within this collection will be available in the USF Libraries and USFSP online catalog. For additional information about the holdings within this collection or to gain access, please contact Special Collections and University Archives.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy 11.25 linear feet. The bulk of the publications originated in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.