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Discovery Room Operational Records, 1972-2005

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Discovery Room Operational Records
Identifier:	Accession 11-189
Date:	1972-2005
Extent:	1.43 cu. ft. (1 record storage box) (1 12 x 17 box)
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Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting the overall operation and administration of the Discovery Room, a hands-on, collections-based activity center for school groups focusing on scientific inquiry. Topics include planning, renovation, publicity, and procedures. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, procedural documents, fact sheets, agreements, clippings, floor plans, sketches, photographs, and videotapes.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Museums -- Administration
- Museums -- Educational aspects
- Museums -- Public relations
- Natural history museums
- Science -- Study and teaching

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white photographs
- Clippings
- Floor plans

Manuscripts
Sketches
Videotapes

Names:

National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Office of Education and Outreach. Discovery Room

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Media Clips, 1990-1991 (VHS)
- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Video, March 1984 (3/4" U-matic)
- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Planning and Publicity, 1972-1998
- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Staff Correspondence and Memoranda, 1979-1984
- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Fact Sheets, 1974-2004
- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Build-A-Better-Box, 1984
- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Specimen Transfers, 2005
- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Renovation, 1978-1979
- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Planning, 1973-1974
- Box 1 of 2 Discovery Room Renovation Planning, 1997-2003

Box 2

- Box 2 of 2 Discovery Room Watercolor Sketches