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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Creator: Smithsonian Magazine
Title: Publications
Dates: 1970-1984
Quantity: 2.7 linear meters.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation
Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 308, Smithsonian Magazine, Publications

Historical Note

The Smithsonian magazine was created in 1970 with the aim of extending the Smithsonian Associates into a large national organization. As the chief benefit of membership in the National Associates, the magazine serves as a means of communication between the Institution and its constituency. Following the original instructions of the Secretary to publish material in areas in which the Institution is interested or might be interested, Smithsonian has covered a broad range of topics in science, art, and history. Circulation grew from 180,000 in 1970 to almost 2,000,000 in 1982. Edward K. Thompson served as Editor, 1970-1980, and as Publisher, 1974-1980. Joseph J. Bonsignore became Publisher in 1981 after serving as Acting Publisher in 1980. Donald B. Moser became Managing Editor in 1980 and Editor, 1981-. Ronald C. Walker became Publisher in 1991, serving 1991-.

Descriptive Entry

This record unit consists of a record set of Smithsonian magazine. This collection generally has 2 copies of each issue.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Serial publications
Container Listing

Box 1
April (first issue) - December 1970
January - December 1971
January - December 1972
January - December 1973
January 1974

Box 2
February - December 1974
January - December 1975
January - August 1976

Box 3
September - December 1976
January - December 1977
January - August 1978

Box 4
September - December 1978
January - December 1979
January - May 1980

Box 5
June - December 1980
January - December 1981

Box 6
January - December 1982
January - December 1983
January 1984