

**FAQs about: The Prospect Archives  
And  
*The Reference Edition of the Prospect Archives***

**What are the Prospect Archives?**

The Prospect Archives are the documentation of all aspects of the Prospect School and the Prospect Center for Education and Research. Most of the Prospect Archives are now housed in the Department of Special Collections in the Bailey-Howe Library at the University of Vermont, Burlington. The Archives include the following categories of material:

- The Prospect Archives of Children's Work accompanied by teachers' narrative records, parent reports, transition reports, and notes from descriptive reviews of the children or their work
- Documents and papers related to Prospect's Higher Education programs
- Records and work produced by Prospect's Documentation and Research Programs, including those related to Prospect School and Center, and to projects undertaken with other groups, and in other communities
- Organizational and planning records of the Prospect School (1965-1991) and its parent organization (1979-present) the Prospect Center for Education and Research

**What is *The Reference Edition of the Prospect Archives*?**

*The Reference Edition of the Prospect Archives* is a microfiche, slide, and typescript publication of 36 child files from the Archives of Children's Work. Each child's file includes images of visual work, selected writing, narrative records (including weekly records, parent reports, Descriptive Reviews, observations, and transition reports), and a catalogue. The whole Edition has an "Introduction to *The Reference Edition*" that describes the history of the School and the Archives of Children's Work and the work that has come out of it.

Two copies of *The Reference Edition* were produced in 1984. A complete version is at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, Special Collections Library. As of 2006, the University of Vermont in Burlington, Bailey Howe Library, Special Collections has all components of the Reference Edition except the microfiche. The Reference Edition of the Prospect Archives is copyrighted by Prospect Center.

**What is available from the Prospect Center office?**

The Prospect Center office manages the rental of the slide sets and accompanying materials from *The Reference Edition* described above. Twelve of the child files in *The Reference Edition* are available individually for rent from the Prospect Center for use in teaching, lecturing, and research. Slides are not available for rent from any other source. Each rental file comes with the slides, catalogue, narrative records, and "Introduction to the Reference Edition". Some also include the transcribed writing. Prospect is planning to begin to digitize this collection.

Prospect's *Descriptive Processes* book may be purchased from the office for \$20. Please contact the Prospect Center office at the address below.

**What kinds of support are available to people who want to use the *Reference Edition*?**

Consultants with experience using *The Reference Edition* are sometimes available, depending on location and scheduling. For more information, contact The Prospect Center office. The cost of consulting is not included in the rental fee.

**What can I find at the University of Vermont and how do I get access to it?**

In 2006, the Prospect Center donated the Prospect Archives and one copy of *The Reference*

*Edition* to the University of Vermont, Burlington. They are housed in Special Collections of the Bailey Howe Library on the campus. The staff is currently processing the Prospect material. Access to the Prospect records is governed and facilitated by Special Collections. Consult the Special Collections website, <http://library.uvm.edu/about/specialcollections/index.html> or call 802-656-2138, for details. All material in Special Collections is non-circulating and must be consulted on site.

**What is at the University of North Dakota?**

A complete copy of *The Reference Edition* of the Prospect Archives is housed at the Chester Fritz Library, Department of Special Collections, at the University. A set of duplicate slides, for use at the Center for Teaching and Learning, was also made. For details, call the Special Collections, 701 777 4625, or consult its website, <http://www.library.und.edu/Collections/spk.html>. All material in Special Collections is non-circulating and must be consulted on site.

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