

A user's guide to the Circumpolar Curriculum collection

The Circumpolar Curriculum collection is a compendium of the work of Ann Vick-Westgate, (material from the 1950s to the mid1990s) collected into approximately 35 boxes. This collection was preliminarily catalogued and posted on line in an incomplete format, when it came into the possession of the Phillips Library of the Peabody Essex Museum. Working with the original listings, we have attempted to make it more useful to researchers by itemizing the materials in the individual boxes, listing them separately, and adding them to what is now called the "Master Index," which denotes in which box each catalogued item can be found. The Master Index was compared to the actual collection at PEM; those entries found in the boxes that were also present in the Index were marked as such in the Index itself. Those items that were found in the boxes but not in the Index were added to the Index; a "Y" in the "New" column of the Master Index denotes these entries. There were also some items found in the Index but never found in the boxes; these entries became the Un-catalogued List. The boxes are numbered (1) through (35), and individual lists of the items in the respective boxes (box lists) were culled from the Master Index. (It should be noted that the box lists contain items both previously present in the Master Index and items that had to be added to the Master Index.) All the box lists were combined to form one "Master List," which is intended to be the definitive catalogue of the collection.

The existence of items in the Index not found in the boxes necessitated the creation of an Un-catalogued Item List. Some items in the Un-catalogued List were documents in Native languages, which the cataloguers could not translate or transliterate and therefore there are likely some items present in the boxes that could not be cross-referenced with the Index. This does not account, however, for all of the items in the Un-catalogued list. The location of many of these entries remains a mystery.

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