

**Nudist Periodicals Collection**  
**Mss. Coll. 144**  
**2 ft.**

**Historical**

Nudism, or naturism, has been practiced by various groups of people in various forms for centuries. In more recent times, the practice can be traced to Germany in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Most such groups espouse a philosophy that being clothed is an inherently un-natural state and that being nude promotes harmony with nature. The terms “nudism” and “naturism” are most often associated with social nudity, almost always without any sexual connotation. In fact, the naturist lifestyle is often promoted as a wholesome activity for the entire family. For more history and background on nudism and naturism, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naturism>

**Scope and Content**

The collection consists of mainly English-language nudist magazines from the dates 1951 to 1968. There are also several foreign nudist magazines from earlier dates. The magazine *Sunshine and Health* is cataloged separately from the rest of the collection and can be found in the library's Rare Book collection.

**Provenance**

The collection was donated in 2006 by William B. Hull

**BOX 1.**

***American Sunbather***

1958  
1959  
1960 + Annual  
1963 (March, June, July, Sept.)  
1964 (Sept., Dec.); 1965 (Jan.); 1966 (May); 1966 (Dec.)

**BOX 2.**

***American Nudist***

1956 (Jan., April, June, July, August, Sept., Oct., Dec.)

***American Nudist Leader***

1957 (January, March – Dec.)

[Foreign Nudist Magazines- mostly Scandinavian Countries]  
(Various Publications and Years, 1946, 1950)

***Nudism Today***

ca. 1967-68

***Paradise***

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**BOX 3**

*Sunbathing Annual*

(1951, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961)

*Sunbathing Review*

(1957, 1958, 1963)

*Sun Love*

1964 (July – Oct),

1965 (March – April),

1966 (Jan – April), 1966 (Aug – Sept), 1966 (Oct), 1966 (Nov), 1966 (Dec)

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See also:

*Sunshine & Health*. Mays Landing, N.J. : Outdoor Pub. Corp.

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