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Alan Kaufman letters to Timothy Murray
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Abstract: These three holograph letters are from American poet and editor Alan Kaufman to Timothy Murray, Head of Special Collections at the University of Delaware Library.
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Biographical Note

Alan Kaufman, born January 12, 1952, in New York City to a French Holocaust survivor and raised in the Bronx, is a teacher, writer, poet, editor, performer, artist, and impresario best known for his work as editor of the Outlaw Bible series of literary anthologies. In addition Kaufman founded the alternative Jewish cultural magazine *Davka*, wrote a memoir, *Jew Boy* (2000), the novel *Matches* (2005), and several volumes of poetry. Active as a poet from an early age, Kaufman has been involved in both the New York and San Francisco poetry scenes and played a role in the popularization of Spoken Word poetry in both the United States and abroad. More recently, Kaufman has taken up the brush as a painter, a medium in which he has proven equally productive.

Librarian Timothy Murray is the Head of Special Collections at the University of Delaware Library, Newark, Delaware.

**Sources:**

Biographical information derived from MSS 599, Alan Kaufman papers.
Scope and Content Note

These three holograph letters are from American poet and editor Alan Kaufman to Timothy Murray, Head of Special Collections at the University of Delaware Library.

Kaufman described current projects and his enthusiasm for the housing of his papers at the University of Delaware Library. The letters accompanied books and photographs which Kaufman was adding to his papers, and in some cases Kaufman discussed the importance of selected items.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

Murray, Timothy, 1950- --Correspondence.
Kaufman, Alan--Correspondence.

Topical Terms

American literature--21st century.
Authors, American--21st century--Correspondence.

Form/Genre Terms

Letters (correspondence)

Related Materials in this Repository

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MSS 599, Alan Kaufman papers
Arrangement

The letters are arranged chronologically.
Detailed Description of the Collection

Autograph letter signed, 2009 April 30 [Box 59 F849]

1 item (1 p.)

This handwritten letter is on an oversize sheet of paper and includes a portrait drawing by Kaufman. It was enclosed with a batch of books Kaufman donated as additions to his papers. Removed to oversize (18").

Autograph letter signed, 2009 [Summer] [Box 59 F849]

1 item (2 p.)


Autograph letter signed, 2009 July 20 [Box 59 F849]

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This letter accompanied a collection of photographs of Kaufman, his family, and friends.