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Part 1, September 12, 2023

*Includes audio and video recordings, and transcription. Part 1 covers James' childhood and family, exposure to libraries, education, military service and overseas service in Germany, career in radio and journalism, running for political office in Colorado, and attendance at the Ilse of Wight Music Festival in 1970.*

Part 2, September 19, 2023

*Includes audio and video recordings, and transcription. Part 2 covers James' arrest and incarceration, coursework while incarcerated, becoming a librarian, work with Dr. Loriene Roy, first time at an ALA conference, work with the Prisoners Forum (ASCLA), working on the Prisoners' Right to Read, Intellectual Freedom Committee and Intellectual Freedom Round Table, work with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) on prison library standards, and models for prison libraries and services.*

Part 3, September 26, 2023

*Includes audio and video recordings, and transcription. Part 3 covers influences and mentors in James' life and librarianship, changes in librarianship, standards for prison libraries, Freedom to Read Foundation Honor Roll, intellectual freedom and book bans, social justice, children and youth library services, reflections on James' life, services for formerly incarcerated people, and empathy in librarianship.*