

FORTNIGHTLY LITERARY CLUB COLLECTION

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 box (.5 linear feet)

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1927 - 1990; Bulk

PROVENANCE: Doris Rasdell, Indianapolis, IN, 5 May 1990

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 90.0297

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Fortnightly Literary Club was founded in Indianapolis in 1923. Traditionally, its membership has included teachers, librarians, social workers, and businesswomen. According to the club's constitution, the organization's purpose is to review and discuss new books, world problems, current events, and other subjects of cultural value.

The club meets regularly throughout the school year. The women review books and discuss timely topics. New members are invited to a closing party in June.

The club has hosted authors and supported other groups with charitable contributions. In 1923 and 1978, it observed its 25th and 50th anniversaries with special celebrations.

The club continues to operate in Indianapolis.

Sources: Material in the collection.

Wilma L. Dulin, "Fortnightly Literary Club," *Black History News and Notes*, #41. p.1.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Fortnightly Literary Club Collection comprises one manuscript box. The organizational records include correspondence, a minute book, loose minutes and 28 yearbooks numbered irregularly from 1927-83. The newspaper clippings contained include information about the club, its activities, and the members.

Photographs are stored in Visual Collections. They include a celebration of the club's 25th and 50th anniversaries.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

BOX 1: Fortnightly Literary Club Collection

FOLDER CONTENTS

1 Historical Remembrances

2 Minutes Book, 1959-77

3 Minutes, 1979-87

4 Correspondence, 1970-87

5 Programs, 1935, 1988

6 Yearbooks, 1927-50

7 Yearbooks, 1950-68

8 Yearbooks, 1969-83

9 Clippings, 1948-90, n.d.

10 Memorabilia

11 (VC) Photograph--Photograph of founders including Georgia Martin Patton, Madeline Allen, and Marcia Skelton (substituting for deceased sister, Ora Skelton Willett) 28 October 1973; 50th Anniversary Committee of Fortnightly

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Fortnightly Literary Club (Indianapolis, Ind.)

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Literature--Societies, etc.

Afro-American women--Indiana--Indianapolis--Societies, etc

Women--Indiana--Indianapolis--Societies and clubs

Afro-American teachers--Indiana--Indianapolis

Teachers--Indiana--Indianapolis

Indianapolis (Ind.)--Clubs

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