



Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Fortnightly Club

Inclusive Dates: 1895-2018. Predominant dates are from 1895-1930; 1995-2015.

Physical Description: 3 boxes, 1.83 linear feet.

Provenance:

The Fortnightly Club records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Historical Note:

The Fortnightly Club was a women's club founded in Urbana, Illinois in 1895. The club focused on "literary culture" and sought to "obtain fluency in conversation," according to its 1935 constitution. Meetings were usually held once every two weeks in a member's house, and discussions of literature, world affairs, the status of women, and other topics were held. Plays, music exhibitions, and poem recitals were some other activities, along with public events. From 1914 to 1934, the Fortnightly Club held a membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains copies of materials related to the club's creation, yearbooks, membership lists, minute logs, flyers and programs of public events, local newspaper articles about the club, and member obituaries. The materials were produced in the years 1895-2018. Most club functions took place in Urbana, IL, though some conferences and other events were held in Chicago, IL.

Separated Collection:

Ninety years with the Fortnightly Club of Urbana, 1895-1985 Volume I and II, and *One Hundred Years with the Fortnightly Club, 1895-1995: A Supplement to Ninety Years with the Fortnightly Club of Urbana, 1895-1985* is cataloged and located in our print materials collection.

Subjects Terms:

Women--societies and clubs
Fortnightly Club of Urbana.

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: Clippings, 1897-1995

Folder 2: Club Themed Poetry and Games, 1961-1968, and undated

Folder 3: Constitution and Policies, 1935 (revised); 1972



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Folder 4: Ephemera (Paperweight and Cassette Tape), undated

Folder 5: Federation of Woman's Clubs, 1909-1935

Folder 6: Histories, 1895-1945

Folder 7: Histories, 1895-1954; 1995

Folder 8: Membership, 1896-1979

Folder 9: Minute Book, 1895-1945

Folder 10: Minute Book, 1995-2014

Folder 11: Minutes, 2014-2015

Folder 12: Name Cards, undated

Folder 13: Obituaries, 1991-2003

Folder 14: *One Hundred Years with the Fortnightly Club* Book and Paperwork, 1995; 2013-2018

Box 2

Folder 15: Program Booklets, 1895-1905

Folder 16: Program Booklets, 1917-1942

Folder 17: Program Booklets, 1942-1965

Folder 18: Program Booklets, 1965-1991

Folder 19: Program Booklets, 1991-2010

Folder 20: Program Booklets, 2010-2018

Folder 21: Program Booklets (Photocopies), 1895-1909

Folder 22: Program Booklets (Photocopies), 1910-1930

Box 3

Scrapbook 1 (bottom), 1985-1987

Scrapbook 2 (top), 1897-1991