

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K0901 (KA1572, KA2175)
BOOK LOVERS' CLUB RECORDS, 1904-2011

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Introduction

Approximately 2 cubic feet.

The records consist of minutes, yearbooks, meeting programs, photographs, financial records, and other related materials.

During the winter of 1903-1904, three women, Mrs. Callie Jordan Edwards, Mrs. Daisy Cook, and Miss Anna H. Jones, were together reading W. E. B. DuBois' *Souls of Black Folk*. Desiring to share with a larger circle the pleasure and profit of the discussions, they called in fifteen other women and established the Book Lovers' Club on February 27, 1904. In the early years meetings were held weekly. By 1920-1921 the meetings were reduced to the second and fourth Saturdays, and in 1955-1956 the Club met only monthly. Now past the 100th year, the Book Lovers' Club, considered the oldest active African-American women's club in Kansas City, continues to meet regularly to share and exchange ideas.

Donor Information

The gift was received from The Book Lovers' Club through Mai Gray as accession KA1572 on November 9, 2007. An addition was made on December 9, 2013 as accession KA2175.

Location note:

The collection is stored offsite and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

Inventory

Box 1 (066441)

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- f. 1 Book Lovers' Club of Greater KC, 1904
- f. 2 Book Lovers' Club of Greater KC, 1904
- f. 3 Book Lovers' Club Guest Book -85th Anniversary, 1989
- f. 4 Book Lovers' Club-Members Autobiographies
- f. 5 Liberty Women Educators Book, 2004
- f. 6 Westport / Midtown Back Pages Magazine
- f. 7 Book Lovers' Club Programs
- f. 8 State Federation of Women's Clubs; National Association of Colored Women
Book Lovers' Club Booklet
- f. 9 Book Lovers' Club Constitution
- f. 10 Programs and Meetings

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- f. 11 African American Read-In
- f. 12 Book Lovers' Club History
- f. 13 Book Lovers' Club Membership List, Addresses, Presidents: Past and Present
- f. 14 Projects Supported by Book Lovers' Club
- f. 15 Book Lovers' Club Yearbook, 2004-2005
- f. 16 Financial Report, 1986-1987
- f. 17 Book Lovers' Club Financial Report, 1989-1991
- f. 18 Book Lovers' Club Financial Report, 1992-1993
- f. 19 Obituaries / Ione Jones / Hazel Lee Rowell / Thomas A. Webster
- f. 20 Zora Neale Hurston: A Literary Biography, February 17, 1996 by Robert Hemenway
- f. 21 Book Lovers' Club Correspondence
- f. 22 Book Lovers' Club Cards, Thank-you notes, etc.
- f. 23 Newspaper Articles and Pictures
- f. 24 Book Lovers' Club Yearbooks, 1915-1916 (photocopies)
- f. 25 Book Lovers' Club Yearbooks, 1951-1968
- f. 26 Book Lovers' Club Yearbooks, 1971-1981
- f. 27 Book Lovers' Club Yearbooks, 1982-1988
- f. 28 Book Lovers' Club Yearbooks, 1988-1991
- f. 29 Book Lovers' Club Yearbooks, 1991-1995
- f. 30 Book Lovers' Club Yearbooks, 1995-2001
- f. 31 Book Lovers' Club Yearbooks, 2001-2005
- f. 32 Book Lovers' Club Yearbooks, 2006-2008

Box 2 (066442)

- f. 1 Book Lovers' Club Minutes, 1963-1982
- f. 2 Book Lovers' Club Minutes, 1983-1991
- f. 3 Book Lovers' Club – Photos (1 of 5)
- f. 4 Book Lovers' Club – Photos (2 of 5)
- f. 5 Book Lovers' Club – Photos (3 of 5)
- f. 6 Book Lovers' Club – Photos (4 of 5)

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- f. 7 Book Lovers' Club – Photos (5 of 5)
- f. 8 Book Lovers' Club – Photos, photocopies
- f. 9 Book Lovers' Club Meetings, memos, 2004-2007
- f. 10 African American Read-In, 1998-2010
- f. 11 Book Lovers' Club 90th Anniversary, 1994
- f. 12 Book Lovers' Club 100th Anniversary, 2004
- f. 13 Funeral programs and clippings, 1978-2010 (Desdemona Davis, V. Janice Hinton, Gertrude Keith, Mai Hutson Gray)
- f. 14 Correspondence, 1995-2011
- f. 15 Newspaper articles, 1989-2007
- f. 16 Book reviews and bibliographies

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f. 17 Publications – African American history, n. d., 2000, 2005

Book – Story, Rosalyn M., *And So I Sing: African-American divas of opera and concert*, 1990. (Autographed by author)

VHS Tape – Book Lovers' Club: featuring Rosalyn M. Story and Roberta Gumbel

VHS Tape – Book Lovers' Club: 90th Anniversary Program, June 11, 1994

VHS Tape – Book Lovers' Club: Gumbel & Story; St. Theresa's Academy, 1992

Scroll – The Book Lovers Club Deceased Members