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Finding Aid for the
Ladies Literary Club Records

Collection # 275

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Processing still in progress

Abstract

The Ladies Literary Club of Grand Rapids, Michigan officially dates from April 10, 1873. The Club evolved from a ladies history study class started by Marion Louise Withey in 1869. The books desired for the class prompted the formation of the Ladies' Library Association on March 21, 1870, which later changed to the City Library Association. Located on Monroe St., Miss Francis Holcomb was the first librarian.

In October 1871, the Club joined their collection with those of the YMCA and the Board of Education, to provide the support and the volumes for the first public library of Grand Rapids, now the Grand Rapids Public Library of today. The largest of these original library collections, some 1200 items, came from the Ladies Literary Club, which by 1873 had formed more permanently under that name. Several subgroups of the organization have existed over the years, including the Scribbler, the Shakespeare Club which separated in xxxx to become a separate organization (See Coll. Xxx), the Tuesday Study Class. Americanization & Education Extension Committee, the Art & Travel Class, the Committee on Child Labor & Women in Industry, the Current Literature Class, the Evening Club, the House Committee (important in the renovation of the historical building). There were also funds, such as the Henry Field Koon Memorial Shoe Fund, which providing shoes to the poor children particular during the 1930's.

The Club brought a number of national and local speakers to its regular meetings over the years, including Ann Landers,

The Club building is considered a landmark structure, having the distinction until the Club ceased for being the oldest national structure built for a women's club in continuous use by the organization until 2005. (Check on this). The Tiffany glass Shakespeare window, which is considered part of the historical structure, was given in xxxx by Loraine Pratt Immen. One of the most frequent uses of the building by outside organizations was was for theater productions. Several groups, such as the West Michigan Savoyards, gave productions from the LLC stage. <http://westmichigansavoyards.org/Pinafore/behindscenes.htm>

The building was sold to Calvin College in the Fall of 2006, which had already been using the LLC auditorium for downtown activities. Calvin, which desired the building to expand its downtown presence, had immediate plans for a \$1 million dollar update anticipated to begin shortly after the sale.

The Ladies Literary Club Collection is a devised collection, which was initially created by bringing together several small accessions of printed ephemera related to literary clubs for women in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Items from 1872 to 1986/87 were included. The bulk of these material had been given in the past by the original "Ladies Literary Club" of Grand Rapids. In 2006, after the Ladies Literary Club had decided to disband in 2005, the club donated its historical records to the Library. This additional material considerably enriched the collection, adding the original minutes and scrapbooks from the club, as well as other documents of research value. Other satellite clubs, such as the West Side Ladies Literary Club or the Burton Heights

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Literary Club, are represented here to a lesser extent, where that information was collected by the Grand Rapids Ladies Literary Club or part of the initial accessions forming this collection. More information on these other clubs can also be found in other GRPL archival collections. A few items from other literary clubs within the State of Michigan are also included. Other related archival collections in the GRHSCC are Coll. 020, the Grand Rapids Federation of Women's Clubs Records, and Coll. 032, the East Side Ladies Literary Club Papers.

THIS IS AN INPROCESS VERSION OF THE FINDING AID, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL MATERIALS OR FULL EDITING.

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Accession #: 1979.017, 1986.461, 1999.058, 00.[318]., 00.[625]., 1986.267, 00.[2307].1 ; 2005.040, and transfers from the Local History Book Coll. ; 2004.055 ; 2006.054 ; 2007.048 ; 2008.041

Donors: The Ladies Literary Club donated the bulk of the materials in this collection. Other materials were transferred from the Local History book collection, given by various and unknown donors. Some items were added from the processing backlog, from various donors.

Span dates: 1872-1986/87

Processor: R. Mayne, 2000-2007

Size: 40.2 linear ft. (482.5 in.)

Related Collections

For additional and overlapping information on women's clubs in the Grand Rapids Area, see also:

- Coll. #32 East Side Ladies Literary Club. Papers.
- Coll. #20 Grand Rapids Federation of Women's Clubs. Records.
- Coll. 187 Lorain Pratt Immen Collection
- Coll. 176 Ralph B. Baldwin Papers. Mrs. Baldwin (Lois Johnston) was President of the LLC 1960/61 and 1961/62.
- Coll. 331 Shakespeariana (Shakespeare) Club. Originally a subgroup of the LLC.

Box Summary

| Box No. | Description of Contents | Box Description |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Box Inventory September 2009 | | |
| 1 | Series I. Histories, records, Publications, programs, | Standard |
| 1.3 | Historical info., ephemera, etc. Scrapbook of the Grand Rapids LLC Including 2006.054 additions. Added 11/8/2006 | Standard |
| 1.5 | Series I. Records. Other GR Clubs | slim |
| 2 | Series II. Yearbooks 1872-1900 | Standard |
| 3 | Series II. Yearbooks 1900-1907 | Standard |
| 4 | Series II. Yearbooks 1907-1915 | Standard |
| 5 | Series II. Yearbooks 1915-1924 | standard |
| 6 | Series II. Yearbooks 1924-1933 | standard |
| 7 | Series II. Yearbooks 1933-1987 + | standard |
| 7.1 | Series II. Yearbooks 1900-1920 | Standard |
| 7.2 | Series II. Yearbooks 1889, 1890's | Standard |
| 7.3 | Series II. Yearbooks 1920-1960 | Standard |
| 7.4 | Series II. Yearbooks 1960-2005 | Standard |
| Boxes 7.1-7.4 Added 11/8/2006 | | |
| 7.5 | Series II. Yearbooks. Other GR Clubs | Standard |
| 8 | Series III. Other GR Clubs cont. & Check this, I think its a formatting error! | Standard |
| 8.5 | Other GR clubs | standard |
| 8.75 | Misc. publs. Michigan Women's Clubs | Standard |
| 9 | Oversized Original Photographs Clippings | 1.5" print |
| 10 | LLH 2005.037 & Seeger 2005.037B Added 4/23/2005 | Slim |

2006.054 Tentative Boxing follows. Will not try to physically integrate with the boxing about, for the bulk of this accession.

Not all materials received yet as of mid-July 2006, so there will be more adjustments to this boxing.

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| Box No. | Description of Contents | Box Description |
|---|--|-----------------|
| 11 | Historical documents. | Standard |
| 11.2 | “Memorial Resolutions” | Slim |
| Added 6/24/2008 | | |
| 11.3 | Library book catalogs | slim legal |
| 11.5 | History of Administrations | Standard |
| 12 | Minutes | Standard |
| Ladies Library Association / City Library Association. Ladies Literary Club, 1873/74-1881/82 | | |
| 13 | Minutes. 1882/83-1896, incomplete | Standard |
| 13.10 | Minutes. | Slim |
| Added 11/8/2006 | | |
| 13.25 | Minutes, 1891/92, 1897/98 | standard |
| 13.26 | Minutes, 1895/96-1896/97 | Slim legal |
| 13.50 | Minutes, 1989/99-1901/02 | standard |
| 13.75 | Minutes, 1902/03-1904/05 | standards |
| 14 | Minutes, 1905/06-1909/10 | Standard |
| 14.25 | Minutes, 1910/11-1917/18 incomplete | Standard |
| 14.50 | Minutes. 1918/19/1930, incomplete Check for 1916... | Standard |
| 15 | Minutes. 1934/35-1948, incomplete | Standard |
| 16 | Board Minutes, sometimes including Treasurers Reports, 192x-1956 Incomplete. | Standard |
| 17 | Board Minutes, sometimes including Treasurers Reports, 1956-1981 | Standard |
| 18 | Evening Study Club | |
| 18.50 | Scribblers | Standard |
| 19 | Shakespeare Club | Standard |
| 19.50 | Tuesday Study Class | slim |
| 19.75 | Classical Theatre | Standard |
| Added 11/25/2006 | | |
| 20 | Various Subgroup Reports | Standard |
| 21 | Various oversized | Slim Legal |

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|----------------|---|------------------------|
| 22 | Various oversized | Folio clam |
| | Loose Ledgers | |
| 22.5 | Printers Photo Blocks | 4x6 slim |
| | Added 11/8/2006 | |
| 23 | Building | Standard |
| 23.5 | Building | Standard |
| | slim Added 8/12/2006; changed to standard 3/28/2007 | |
| 23.75 | Building. Later renovations + Grants | Standard |
| | Wisner accounts | |
| | Added 6/5/2008 | |
| 24 | Miscellaneous on other clubs Including Bards. | Standard |
| 25 | Ledgers 1955-1972. 1976 Cash Received / Checks Drawn. 1976/1977 to 1978/1979 2006.054 Boxes 14 & 15 in part Treasurers Report. 1898-1919 | Cubic |
| 26 | Treasurers Reports. (1) Monthly Reports. Apr. 1930-May 1943. General Jnl. 1945/46 2006.054 box 15 in part full | squarish lidded |
| 27 | Ledgers, 1972-1976 Ledger sheets, 1946/47-1955 Ledger sheets, 1955/56 to 1958/59 [in acidic box] | Folio Clam |
| 27.5 | 1961/62 Treasurer Banking Records | Standard |
| 28 | Treasurers Reports | Standard |
| 28.5 | Henry Memorial Fund | Slim legal |
| 28.6 | Scholarship Fund LLC Membership Waiting List | Standard legal |
| 29 | Membership cards 2006.054 box 16 | small shoebox |

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| <u>Box No.</u> | <u>Description of Contents</u> | <u>Box Description</u> |
|----------------|--|------------------------|
| 30 | Scrapbooks (8) Early scrapbooks. Guest Books. Not ideal housing for the long run as some are lying on their side in folders, and will get jostled. | Cubic |
| 31 | Scrapbooks (13) 1920-22 to 1939/40 2006.054 box 7 | Cubic |
| 31.5 | Scrapbooks. Loose materials From SB's in Box 31 Added 4/22/2008 (James) | Standard |
| 32 | Scrapbooks 1938/39 to 1948-1950 2006.054 box 11. | Cubic |
| 32.5 | Scrapbooks Box is full, including 11/8/2006 addition. | Cubic |
| 33 | Scrapbooks (2) 1944/45 1956-1965 2006.054 box 15 in part. | medium 3" print |
| 33.5 | Scrapbooks Added 11/8/2006 | Cubic |
| 33.6 | Scrapbooks, 1980/1981 Added 11/8/2006 | Cubic |
| 34 | Loose items from scrapbooks Miscellaneous Ephemera. Misc. loose items. | Standard |
| 35 | Scribblers Scrapbooks | squarish lidded |
| 36 | Program Information 1980s Added 4/3/2007 | Standard |

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|----------------|--|------------------------|
| 37 | Photographs Include items moved from scrapbooks Added 4/6/2007 | Standard |
| 37.5 | Photos or graphic clippings LLC Presidents 2008.041 | Standard |
| 37.75 | Photos from Scrapbooks SC00028 6/5/2008 Growth space in box. | standard |
| 38 | OVERSIZED Items From Scrapbooks Added 4/22/2008 (James) | 3" print |
| UP1 | Unprocessed from desk backlog | cubic, acidic |
| UP2 | Unaccessioned / unprocessed 2007 | cubic, acidic |
| UP3 | Unprocessed 2008 accession yearbooks | brown box |
| UP4 | UP oversized 2006 accession | folio clam |
| Aug. 27, 2008 | | |

Oversized Objects

History

The roots of the Ladies Literary Club are found in the Ladies History Class of Grand Rapids, started by Marion Louise Withey in 1869. This class was modeled after her Aunt Lucinda Hinsdale Stone's history classes for women in Kalamazoo. The first meeting took place at Park Congregational Church, which was then still under construction. The books collected or needed for the class prompted the formation of the Ladies' Library Association on March 21, 1870. Later that year, and after additional fund-raising for the collection, the name was changed to the City Library Association. Located on Monroe St., Miss Francis Holcomb was the first librarian.

In October 1871, the Club joined their collection with those of the YMCA and the Board of Education, to provide the support and the volumes for the first Public Library of Grand Rapids. The largest of these original library collections, some 1200 items, came from the Ladies Literary Club, which formed more permanently under that name on Apr. 10, 1873. Francis Holcomb, the Club librarian, became the first Librarian of this new Public Library. A model for the new Club's constitution was found by once again following a Kalamazoo model, that of the Kalamazoo Ladies Library Constitution (formed 1852, with building constructed in 1878). However, the Club did not officially incorporate until 1882?, with a mission to "promote literary, educational and scientific pursuits and to establish and maintain a library".

In July 1887 the cornerstone was laid for a permanent club building at 61 Sheldon Boulevard, with the building finished in Dec. of that same year. The lot had cost the Club \$3500. The building was constructed by John Frey from the plans of local architect William G. Robinson. It's original cost is said to be around \$6,000(?). Robinson's style has been described as partly Richardsonian Romanesque, with curved arches over the windows and doorway. It is built of Grand Rapids pressed brick and Ohio blue stone, trimmed in Terra Cotta. The core of the building is the auditorium, seating some 440+ people. There is a proscenium style stage and a library reception room. In 1894 the buildings heating unit exploded, and the membership Club met at the All Souls Church, until new heating facilities could be installed. By 1900?, the building required it's first major repairs of some \$6000 (?). In 1931 the building was remodeled by architects Rindge and Rindge of Grand Rapids, at which time the size of the building was increased by one-third, with the south entrance added and a new stage done. In 2002, a new roof was added at a cost of \$57,000.

1894? saw the issue of the first yearbook. The Club also received recognition that year in the Press (citation).

The Club has some notable pieces of art that are part of their holdings. In 1899, a carved chest was given by D.W. Kendall in memory of his wife. Members of the Club stored Shakespearian materials in the chest, and when this subgroup broke away from the Club in xxx, the Chest went with them. In xxxx, the Shakespeare Club gave the chest to the Grand Rapids Public Library. Today, it sits in the Grand Rapids History & Special Collections Center, under the portraits of Grand Rapids founders, Louis & Sophie Campau.

History continued ...

In 1902, Kendall also gave a carved table and chairs (how many chairs, where is this table,). Frederick Stuart Church paint “Spring Fantasy” was donated in 1903 in memory of Mrs. Hollister. In October 1915, Lorain Pratt Immen donated a Tiffany stained glass window, called the “Shakesperian” window due to this literary theme, which Immen loved. It is 8.5 feet high and 4 ft. wide, now on an inside wall of the Library, to the South, which was probably an outside wall until the 1930’s renovation which added to the South side of the building. Mountain Landscape by Edward Henry Potthost, donor & date unknown. Chapel of Roslyn Castle painting (where). Still Life with Rose, thought to be Mathias Alten.

History written from documents in this collection.

Scope and Content

This collection was originally a devised collection, combining several small accessions of materials transferred from the Local History Book Collection along with unprocessed materials in the archival backlog. That initial collection contained mostly the yearbooks and written histories of the Club, along with those yearbooks of other area womens literary clubs. Most of these materials had been given by the Ladies Literary Club to the Library over many years.

With the official closing of the Ladies Literary Club in 2005, however, a place was sought for the historical records of the Club which still remained in the club building. Given the significance of the Ladies Literary Club to the founding of the Grand Rapids Public Library, it was a logical choice for the materials to be given for the Library Archives. In Summer 2006, these began to be delivered to the Grand Rapids Public Library, and the revised and expanded collection now includes minutes, financial records & membership files, scrapbooks, documentation on the building and its renovation, and a few photos, along with other ancillary materials.

One of the challenges of accessing information within this historical records is to figure out how it is being recorded from one time period to another. For example, membership records are most often found with the financial records, but may also be found as lists within the same books that included the minutes and annual reports.

Also, only in later years are there files designated as program planning. For earlier time periods this information may be scattered throughout the collection on the programs held, recorded in the general or board minutes or in the clippings in the scrapbooks or perhaps indirectly reported through the ledger entries. Finding information on a specific speaker takes a great deal of reading and digging. Ideally, some interested volunteer my someday prepare a name index to the various scrapbooks and documents. While it is possible that a digital scanning project might be done in the distance future, it is less likely that a computer OCR program could accurately provide searchable access to this cursive writing in the way an intelligent indexer might.

Unfortunately, the collection is very limited when it comes to images, though they may have been taken, and may be found in the scrapbooks, or even in other photo collections within the Archives, such as the Robinson Studio Collection.

Revised Series Descriptions

New Series I. Histories, Historical Ephemera, etc.

Published histories
History of Administrations
Biographical info. On members

New Series II Minutes & Reports.

Included here are minutes of the Ladies Library Club / City Library Association, the early groups which gave birth and continued parallel to the Literary Club for a while, until the Ladies Literary Club developed a life distinct from the Grand Rapids Public Library. The bulk of the minutes are from the Ladies Literary Club proper and its subgroups.

To date, many of the historical minutes of the Club and its subgroups have been received, but there are still gaps in the holdings during certain time periods. Since annual or periodic reports have often taken on a form similar to the minutes, they have been organized here with the minutes, at least in part. The manner in which the minutes have been handled over the years has also varied. In some cases, the minutes or reports of the subgroups, either monthly or annually, have been collected together with the main minutes of the Club, and often also include those of the Board. During other time periods, physically separate minutes have been found for the various bodies within the Club, though in some cases they may one have been filed together with others, but became separated since they were on separate pieces of paper. During some time periods there will be found documents for the recording secretary, as well as separate documents from the corresponding secretary. Some of the subgroups had sizable minutes of their own for some time periods. Other subgroups lasted only a brief while. The level of recording of the activities of the Club and subgroups depended upon the expectations and practices of that period, as well as the skills and interests of the individual recorders. In some cases, annual reports may be found separately from the monthly reports, but many may be integrated due to the methods of the time. These minutes and reports are supplemented by the various scrapbooks, yearbooks and programming materials, located in separate series in this collection.

- A. Ladies Library Assoc. / City Library Assoc.
- B. Minutes of the Club
- C. Minutes of the Board.
- D. House Committee.
- E. Scribblers
- F. Shakespeare Club

New Series III. Treasurers & Ledgers.

In many cases, treasurers reports are found in the minutes and reports above. Sometimes these may be found with with the Board minutes, rather than the regular club minutes. In some instances documents from the treasurer had been found separate, which are represented in this section.

Membership reports are often included with treasurers reports, as they reflect the monetary data related to dues.

Subseries B. Membership

See also the Treasurers section above or the Yearbooks, which may also report membership.

New Series IV. Programs and Projects

Sub Series A. Program Information.

Autograph Books and Guest Books.

Included here are booklets which have signatures believed to usually be those of visitors and non-members. They may be presenters or guests. As a class of materials, they represent mainly the later club years. Several of the guest books have a paragraph stating the date and contents of the presentation, for the day of the signatures. New Series VII. Autograph Books and Guest Books. Other, and perhaps more nationally important guests/guest speakers, may be documented in the earlier scrapbooks and minutes within this collection.

Early “autograph” books may have served the same function, or may have been more selective in documenting notable non-member visitors or speakers. One “autograph” book is found in the collection to date, and is perhaps the most notable item in this series. The “L.L. Club Autograph Book” cover years 1878-ca. 1897. The first entry encountered, though not the first by date, is from Elizabeth B. Custer, May 24, 1890, presumed to be the wife of General George A. Custer, who is know to have had relatives in Grand Rapids.

Program Planning.

Subseries B. Projects.

For other project work see the minutes & various committee reports.

Garden Plot

New Series V. Building.

Renovation Projects
Rental information?

New Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries A. Yearbooks.

A fairly comprehensive run of earlier yearbooks had previously been given to GRPL, and were previously bound and cataloged as books. These were transferred to the Archives to be included in the devised LLC collection which was brought to life before the historical files were received from the Club in 2006.

The new materials from the Club contributed additional copies of the yearbooks in some cases, and in some cases these are in better condition. Other copies may be found as part of scrapbook contents only, particular for more current years, and until more archival rehousing of the files can be achieved. That is, for yearbooks from the 1990s and 2000s in particular, see the 3-ring scrapbook binders in Boxes 32.5, 33.5 and 33.6.

Subseries B. Periodicals.

Subseries C. Publications by Subgroups of the LLC
Scribblers Manuscripts.
Shakespeare Group

Subseries D. Publications. Miscellaneous.

New Series VII. Scrapbooks

New Series VIII. Graphics

Series A. Oversized framed items.

Series B.

Series C.

Series D. Photographs

New Series IX. Other Michigan Women's Clubs.

Mostly yearbooks, but with a few other publications, as well, arranged under the name of the club.

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| <u>Box</u> | <u>Folder</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------|---------------|---|
| | | Series I. General Information. |
| | | A. Histories |
| 1 | 1 | History and Plan of the Ladies Literary Club. GR, Mi. : Loomis, 1879. 00.[3669].1 Added 4/5/2005 Formerly MKG374.3.L12h See c.2 at 275-8.75 bound as Miscellaneous L.L.C. Publications. |
| 11 | x | Entertainment, 10 th anniversary, April 27, 1883 |
| 1 | 2 | Ladies' Literary Club, 1872-1893. Program of the 21 st Anniversary. History, by-laws, committees, entertainments ... c.1 [00.[318].2] c.2 [1986.461] c.3 00[3668].1 Added 4/6/2005 |
| 11 | x | Anniversary yearbooks 25 th Year 1896/1897 Golden Anniversary, 1873-1923 |
| 11 | x | 41 st Anniversary, 1873-1914. Program, Apr. 10(11, 1914 2008.041 Added 5/9/2008 |
| 1 | 4 | LLC Souvenir, 1901. [The Club house] 1986.461 |

Series I. General Information.

A. Histories

- 7.2 x LLC Souvenir, 1901. Stanton Printing Co. (2)
2006.054 Added 11/8/2006
Includes illustrations, most of which are published photographs, with
some engravings by an unidentified artist.
1. Ladies Literary Club House
 2. Corner of Reading Room looking into Committee Room.
 3. Corner of Auditorium [drawing, showing a fireplace]
 4. Auditorium [view toward the stage left with windows.
 5. Stage in Auditorium [view toward the right with piano]
 6. Library
 7. Corner of Library
 8. Front Windows in Library
 9. Reading Room
 10. Entrance Hall [drawings, stairs]
 11. Tea Room
 12. Front View of Club House [also show a portion of the building then
located to the right of the clubhouse]

Note: Most of the images are also included in the 1910 Stincomb history.

- 1 4.5 Grand Rapids L.L. Club House / Mrs. Cyrus Perkins. N.d.
2004.055 Added 7/28/2004
- 1 5 Our Presidents : a Dream of Fair Women, LLC, 1873-1903.
c. 1. [1986.461]
See c.2 at 275-8.75 bound as Miscellaneous L.L.C. Publications.
c. 3. 00.[4033].1 Added 9/26/2005
- 11 x Additional duplicates (5)
- 11.5 x A History of the Administrations of the Ladies' Literary Club... / written
by the ex-Presidents ... 2 vols.
- 1873-1908
 - 1909-[1925/26] Loose items moved to acid free folder.

FORMAT NOTE: Putting in extra spaces between lines unnecessarily.

Series I. General Information.

A. Histories

President's Reports/Histories [loose items from above]

- | | | |
|------|----|--|
| 11.5 | 1 | 2 nd /3 rd , 1874/1875 |
| 11.5 | 2 | 4 th , 1875/1876 + her recollections from 1869-1875 (prepared 1908) |
| 11.5 | 3 | 5 th , 1877/1878 |
| 11.5 | 4 | 6 th , 1878/1880 |
| 11.5 | 5 | 7 th , 1880/1882 |
| 11.5 | 6 | 8 th , 1882/1884 |
| 11.5 | 7 | 9 th , 1884/1886 |
| 11.5 | 8 | 11 th , 1888/1889 (prepared in 1909) |
| 11.5 | 9 | 12 th , 1889/1890 (prepared in 1905) |
| 11.5 | 10 | 13 th , 1890/1892 |
| 11.5 | 11 | 14 th , 1892/1894 |
| 11.5 | 12 | 15 th , 1894/1896 [Typed] |
| 11.5 | 13 | 16 th , 1896/1898 (prepared in 1909) |
| 11.5 | 14 | 17 th , 1898/1900 |
| 11.5 | 15 | 18 th , 1900/1901 |
| 11.5 | 16 | 19 th , 1901/1903 (Prepared in 1909) [typed] |
| 11.5 | 17 | 20 th , 1903/1906 [typed] |
- Accompanied by President Day program, Apr. 1905, with illustration of building on front.
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|------|------|--|
| 11.5 | 17.5 | Committee appointed to Prepared & Arranged a History of LLC. June 1909. / Helen G. Powell, Chairman, Frances L. Rowland Accompanied by a paper folder labeled: L.L.C. Book, 1886-1888, Helen N. Powell, President. 2008.041 Added 5/9/2008 |
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A. Histories

- 11.5 18 Misc. summary sheets for years ...
- 1915/1916 to 1919/1920
 - 1932/33-1936/37, 1938/1939, 1939/1940
 - single sheets for the 1940's in part, 1950's and 1960'
 - other misc. notes
- 1 6 History of the Ladies' Literary Club of Grand Rapids, Michigan / by
Hogue Stinchcomb. Clandoin Printery, 1910.
c. 1 [1979.017. Also part of unprocessed collection]
c. 2 2006.054 Added 11/8/2006
- 1 6.5 History of Ladies Literary Club / presented to Women's City Club, 1990,
by Agnes A. Burch, President 1987-1990.
3 typed sheets.
2008.041.2 Added 6/18/2008
Missing Oct. 2008

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A. Histories

10 x

“History File, 11/99. AB”

1. Grand Rapids Mirror, v. 1, no. 3, Fall 1933. (2 copies of contents page only)
2. “Why We Exist” / Wilma Brashler, Historian. (2 copies, one on pink paper, and one on white. The white copy only has the date, Sept. 1980)
3. Ladies’ Literary Club. By-Laws. Governing the Executive Board, 1981.
4. June 17, 1992 Letter from Inez L. Wagemaker of the Club to Jeff Hole of Aquinus College RE Work-Study students
5. Draft History as of July 1993. Cut and paste version of several pages. Inez Wagemaker.
6. Untitled three page history by IW.
7. Items form the history of LLC. Brief timeline, by IW on LLC letterhead.
8. Yellow flyer/mailer? “Now Available for Rental” with image of Shakespeare Window, auditorium, and building exterior.
9. A Brief History, n.d. Giving particulars of the history of the building and club to potential renters.
10. Memo draft on Sept. 18, 1996 Pictorial History of the club. Period costume greeters.
11. Memo. Undated and Unsigned, stating that the LLC historical records were to be given to the Library. Gordon says no follow thru.
12. July 3, 1996 Letter. RE Survey. From the GR Historical Commission soliciting information on historical collections, and suggesting the Grand Rapids Public Library, Local History Department as a place for documents.
13. Theatre.
 - a. “It’s Showtime : LLC Classical Theatre provides a link with the past”. Gerald Elliott. GR Press. Note on back.
 - b. State Veteran is reclusive poet Dickinson in lauded drama “Belle of Amherst”. Donna Kinsey Bowersox. Kentwood Advance, Apr. 13, 1993.
 - c. Expansion of Ladies’ Literary Club building is ‘classic’ idea. / Andy Giegerich. Advance. 1989/90?
 - d. New LLC Theatre opens with British work on royalty / Dave Nicolette. GR Press, Mar. 23, 1988. (2 copies)

Series I. General Information.

A. Histories

- | | | |
|-----|------|---|
| 1 | 11 | <p>Souvenir. Nineteenth Annual Congress of the Association for the Advancement of Women, invited and entertained by the Ladies' Club. Oct. 14-16, 1891. Fountain Street Baptist Church. Illustrations and designs drawn by Maud W. Northrop. Pen Portraits by Mrs. R.S. Northrop, Grand Rapids. G.R. : Dean Printing & Publ. Co.</p> <p>(2) [1986.461] Exterior & Interior ink sketches on pg. 24-27 of the Ladies Literary Club.</p> <p>See c.3 in 275-8.75 Bound in "Miscellaneous L.L.C. Publications". See also another copy in Coll. 224-1</p> |
| 1 | 12 | 1897/98 Fortnightly Announcement |
| 1 | 13 | 1898/99 Fortnightly Announcement |
| 1 | 13.5 | <p>Founders' Day, June 23, 1909 / Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. [1986.267] [Program], including presentation of Campau portraits by Charles H. Moore ... See Coll. 224</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● [Postcard Announcement] Addressed to Miss Clara M. Goodman ... "placing in the Old National Bank, in the south wall, ... a bronze tablet near the site of the Trading Post ..." ● [Clipping] "Daughter of First Couple wedded here to Unveil Historical Tablet" |
| 9 | x | <p>Oversized Clippings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● [Clipping] "Founder of City ..." ● [Clipping] "To Turn Back Pages of Grand rapids History Wednesday – Founders' Day" ● [Clipping] "Louis Campau's Early-Day Garden" |
| 1.3 | x | <p>The Ladies Literary Club / by Mrs. Sara Albert. Art History, Nov. 20, 1973. [student paper?]</p> |
| x | 1 | c. 1 2006.054 Added 11/8/2006 |
| x | 2 | c. 2 00.[3331].1 Added 12/22/2004 |
| 1.3 | x | <p>Ladies Literary Club : a Legacy Worth Preserving / by Christopher Mechan and Mary Seeger. In Grand River Valley History / Grand Rapids Historical Society. V. 23, 2008. 2008.042.2 Added 6/20/2008</p> |

Series I. General Information.

A. Histories

- 8.75 x Various Publications Bound together, with no separate bibliographic entry, called "Miscellaneous L.L.C. publications"
Formerly MKG374.3.L12m
1. Souvenir. Nineteenth Annual Congress of the Association for the Advancement of Women, invited and entertained by the Ladies' Literary Club. Oct. 14-16, 1891.
See c.1 at 275-1-11
 2. Our Presidents. See c.1 at 275-1-5.
 3. History and Plan of the Ladies Literary Clubs, 1879. c.1 at 275-1-1
 4. Club Chronicles, Nov. 1898. c.1 at 275-8.75
- 00.[3676].1-4 Added 4/6/2005
- Certificates & Commendations
- 1.3 3 Small certificates.
- Honorable mention certificate, Nov. 17, 2004. Gerald R. Ford Museum 2004 Christmas on the Grand. On plastic.
 - Certificate. Heritage Hill Assoc., Heritage Hill Foundation. Dec. 2, 1986.
- 22 x Oversized Certificate
- State of Michigan Certificate of Special Tribute. Ladies' Literary Club and classical Theatre. Mar. 15, 1999.
 - State of Michigan. House of Representatives. House Resolution No. 258. GR Ladies Literary Club Centennial. Nov. 12, 1969.
- 2007.048
- 11 x Forms & Ribbons
- "Demit" card with image of the building + 2 2008.041
 - Yellow Honorary course certificate (1)
 - White "Ladies' Literary Club, Grand Rapids, Michigan" ribbons.

Series I. General Information.

A. Histories

- Historical Information at the Disbanding of the Club.
- 11 x Ladies Literary Club Presidents [list], 1873-2005.
Note: Also includes a photocopy from a late yearbook listing the Presidents through 2003
2008.041 Added 5/28/2008
- 11 x Feb. 14, 2007 Ceremony of Gratitude to the Ladies Literary Club.
Calvin College.
- Program. Including Calvin President Gaylen Byker, Mayor George Heartwell, and Rosemary Van Houten, Chairperson of the Ladies Literary Club transition committee. (misstated in the program as President of the LLC, with correction by Van Houten)
 - A Valentine for a Literary Landmark / Evelyn Seberry. Poem. (2)
 - Project Narrative. Probably from a grant statement, not cited. (with color on a slicker paper; 3 sheets, 5 pages front & back, including images.)
2008.041 Added 5/28/2008

Series I. General Information.

B. Biographical Information on Individual Members.

See also the Scrapbooks.

- 1.3 7 Letta Eulalia Thomas
- The Minor Chord and other poems, 1902.
 - Newspaper clipping. GR Herald. 1931. RE Miss Thomas, her LLC and other activities.
- 1.3 8 Letta Thomas poetry on pages from LLC yearbooks.
- 8.75 x Noll's Journey / by Dexa E. Henry, illustrated by K.S. Torrey. [Kate Torrey]. Publ. for the Benefit of "The Henry Memorial Fund" N.Y. : A.E. Chasmar & Co. [n.d., ca. 1891 + newspaper clippings. Formerly MKG813.H39 10/25/2001. Not in WorldCat, 4/2005 00.[1450].1
- 1.3 9 Esteemed Members of LLC.
Includes mostly clippings, and mostly materials from more recent years.
Two original photos:
- Today", GR 1) Nella Blackport (Teacher) shown dressed in Christmas type garb, standing in front of a white door. See also clipping, "With Us Press, Feb. 17, 1988.
- 2) historical photo which had a note taped to the back "LLC President?". Brubaker photo.
- Select other names included in this file:
- Obit. Mrs. Dorothy V. Coates
 - Obit. Isabell A. Brozak. Jan. 15, 1996
 - Obit. Helyn Eugena Woodman.
 - True McDonald. Symphony activity clipping, including her image as well as others.
 - Eleanor Steen, with husband Barney. GR Press, 12/23/1995
 - Gerrit & Mary Te Pastte. Golden Wedding Anniversary, Nov. 4, 1995. GR Press.
 - Marie Mylan, Public Service a Private Interest. "With Us Today" GR Press, n.d. Article by Gerald Elliott.
 - Cook Inez Wagemaker. Cook's Corner / by Susanne Smith. EGR Cadence, 8/26/1987.
 - Spotlight on Volunteers. Mary Beth Vanderberg. Source probably a St. Cecilia Society newsletter.

Series I. General Information.

B. Biographical Information on Individual Members.

1.3 9

Esteemed Members of LLC. **Continued ...**

Select other names included in this file, continued ...:

- Women leaders not unusual here / Gerald Elliot. GR Press, 1992.
- Confident Couple will Give the city a Major New Bookstore Downtown / Mitch Broder. GR Press, n.d. Image include Donald and Nelle Frisch, with Chris Byron as the bookstore manager. Ca. Spring 1980. Poor photocopy.
- Clara Russell. GR Press, 3/10/1991
- Ruth Esler.
- Barbara Welson. "Next Door"
- Mildred Tenhaaf. "With Us Today". GR Press, Aug. 17, 1989.

11 x

Memorial Reminiscences, 1909-1911.
Handwritten remeberences, mostly on sheets with a black border and the LLC logo.

11.2 x

Memorial Resolutions, 1902-1941 & Unknown
Originally in an accordian leather file with the LLC logo and "Memorial Resolutions" in gilt on the outside. This case has been maintained collection, and is housed at: 275-

in the

other types
sorted out &
correspondence by date.

File includes handwritten and typed remeberances of passing members of the club written by other members. However, by the 1930's of correspondence are added to the file, which need to be filed elsewhere with the appropriate subject or

Added 6/24/2008

C. General Operational Documents

See also Scrapbooks

- 1.3 10 Heartside Business Association information and area maps.
- 1.3 11 1999/2000 Flyer/Mailers
- Your Invited to Join. [Program & Membership flyer]
 - 1999-2000 Books 'n' Lunch (2)
- 1.3 12 Pink Club flyer [1989/90] Multiple copies
This flyer uses a version of the Noffsinger graphic in Box 22.
- 1.3 13 Facility Rental Forms & Information, ca. 1998-2000.
- 1.3 14 Pink Membership form. Includes joint husband & wife membership option. Lists the following committee options:
LLC Theatre
Coffees
Fashion Show
Luncheon
Books n' Lunch
Credentials
Addressing
Telephoning
Decorations
Book Discussion Group
- 1.3 15 Pink LLC Letterhead, unused samples. Includes image of building.

- D. Incorporation, Constitution & By-Laws**
- 11 x Amendments to Articles of Incorporation.
- Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. True Copy. May 3, 1978.
 - Certificate ... Pink sheet. May 21, 2002 Filing date (for 30 years) 2008.041 Added 5/12/2008
- 1 1.5 1872-1888. [Handbook] History, officers, members, by-laws ... [1986.461, c. 2; c. 1 listed & housed with yearbooks]
- 1 3 Ladies Literary Club ... Grand Rapids, Mich. 1896. Brief history, by-laws, list of members. [00.[318].1]
- 1 3.5 Constitution and By-Laws, Various Generations (14) 2006.054 Added 11/8/2006
- 1 3.6 Committee to Revise the Constitution. Letter RE the recommended revisions, Sept. 23, 1957. Typed version signed by: Katherine Martin, Chairman, Helen Martin, Helen Vermeulen, Imogene Wickett.
- x x Parliamentarian's Notebook. Most of the notebook is blank. Includes:
- List of duties.
 - Constitution revision procedures docs. (2 + 1 loose)
 - 1976/1977 yearbook.
 - Bits and pieces of yearbook, loose
- x x Parliamentarian volunteer time sheet. Heading: Michigan Council for the Arts Grant. Has data for Margaret Theresa Jones. Found with 1979/1980 Steenwyk building study, to which it may or may not be relevant.

E. Library Catalogs

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|----|----|---|
| 11 | x | Apr. 19, 1878. List of Books Belonging to the City Library Association. A hand written library catalog by broad subjects/genres. Legal sized volume. 2006.054 |
| 11 | x | Set of 4 books documenting library holdings. Ladies' Literary Club Library of Grand Rapids, Mich. June 1895, with handwritten annotations. No classification numbers, no apparent order 2006.054 |
| 11 | x | Catalog of the Ladies Literary Club Library. Brown volume with title on front cover. 80 pages. May duplicate on listed already elsewhere. 2006.054 |
| 1 | 10 | Ladies Literary Club. Catalog. N.d. [Listing of library holdings] 1986.461 |

Series II. Minutes & Reports.

A. Minutes of the Ladies Library Association / City Library Association.

- 12 x 1870-1883
Note: Nov. 16, 1875 uses term Ladies Library Assoc., Mar. 14, 1876 uses City Library Assoc.

Series II. Minutes & Reports.

B. Minutes of the Ladies Literary Club.

- 12 x Includes regular & board minutes.
1873/74 & 1874/75 April to April
Note: Annotations in a later hand in the early pages about the 1873 date being incorrect, and should be by 1874, but other 1873 dated materials. There is a clipping attached to a loose page at the back which is dated May 1873. Pg. [25] documents founding of Literary Club, Tuesday, Apr. 10, 1873.
- 12 x 1875/76 & 1876/77 April to April
12 x 1877/78 & 1878/79 April to April
12 x 1879/80 & 1880/81 April to April
X x Reports. April 1879/April 1880 & Apr. 1880/April 1881.
12 x 1881/1882. Annette Henshan Lincoln, Secretary. Includes Board, Treasurer and committee reports.
- 13 x 1882/1883 & 1883/1884
- 13.10 x 1884/1886, Oct to Sept. 1886
Added 11/7/2006
- 13.10 x 1886/1887, Oct to Oct.
Includes an invitation to "Exercises at the Laying of the Corner Stone, of the Ladies Literary Club House, June 30, 1887.
Added 11/7/2006.
- 13 x 1887/88
13 x Oct. 1886 to Oct. 1888. [President's Report] Mrs. Henry S. Smith.
- 13 x 1888-1889. Oct. to Oct.
13 x Corresponding Secretaries book., Oct. 1888-June 1896.
- 13 x Oct. 1889-1890. Regular Meeting Minutes by Recording Secretary + Annual Report at end. Florence M. Smiley was secretary most of the time period.

Series II. Minutes & Reports.

B. Minutes of the Ladies Literary Club.

- 13 x Oct. 11, 1890-1891.
Includes reports of the Board, Special Board meetings, various subgroups, including Science and Education, History, Entertainment, Arts & Literature, Presidents Day. Annual Meeting reports. Includes ephemera attached to pages (AAW 19th Congress program, Fountain St. Baptist Church, Oct. 14-16, 1891). Misc. loose report/minutes at pg. 277
- 13.25 x 1891/92, Oct.-June. Includes Board minutes, Treasurers annual, clippings & ephemera.
- 13.25 x 1892/93, Oct.-June. Includes Board minutes, Treasurers annual, clippings & ephemera.
- 13.25 x 1893-1894. Correspondence List?
Booklet listing the name of one woman with City, and the name of another woman. Possibly a document of correspondence with women in other cities by members of the Club.
- 13.25 x 1894/1895, Oct.-June. Board & Regular minutes, and Annual Meeting minutes.
- x x 1895/1897, Oct.-June. Board & Regular minutes.
- 13.25 x 1897/1898, Oct.-June. Regular & Board
- 13.25 x 1897/1898. Oct.-June
This separate slim volume from the corresponding secretary lists the numerous committees and committee members. Another section has dates and summaries of correspondence.
- 13.5 x 1898/1899, Regular & Board minutes.
- 13.5 x 1899/1900, Oct-June, Regular & Board minutes.
- X x 1900/1901, Oct-June, Regular & July-June Board.
Also includes ephemera & loose items.
- 13.5 x 1901/02, Oct.-June. Regular minutes & annual report, with Board minutes at the reverse end of the volume.
- 13.5 x 1901/02 Separate volume listing correspondence and dates, and committees.
- 13.75 x 1902/1903, Regular & Board minutes.
- 13.75 x 1902/1903, Corresponding Secretary's book
- 13.75 x 1903/1904, Regular & Board minutes.
- 13.75 x 1903/1904, Corresponding Secretary's book

Series II. Minutes & Reports.

B. Minutes of the Ladies Literary Club.

- 13.75 x 1904/1905, Regular & Board minutes.
13.75 x 1904/1905, Corresponding Secretary's book.
- 14 x 1905/1906 & 1906/1907 Regular & Board minutes
14 x 1906/1907 Corresponding Secretary book
- Corresponding Secretary Report, 1909/1910. Loose 2 sheets. Found in 1906/07 book.
- 14 x 1907/1908 Regular & Board minutes.
14 x 1908/1909 Regular & Board minutes.
Called: Book no. 28. Proceedings of the Ladies' Literary Club for the year, 1908-1909. Index List of holdings similar to below. Oct. 3, 1908-June 5, 1909 + annual June 12, 1909. + Loose items. + Program Board. Apr. 23, 1908-June 11, 1909
- 14 x 1909/1910 Regular & Board minutes.
Called: Book no. xx. "Proceedings of the Ladies Literary Club for the year, 1909-10" ... Index lists:
- List of Officers
 - List of Directors
 - Standing Committees
 - Program
 - Delegates to State Federation
 - Delegates to City Federation
 - Minutes of Regular Meetings Oct. 2, 1909-May 21, 1910 + Annual, May 28, 1910
 - Minutes of Board. This is referred to as the Program Board! Apr. 27, 1909-May 24, 1910.
- 14.25 x Minutes notes, 1910/1911, on yellow scratch paper.
14.25 x 1910/1911 & 1911/May 1912 Regular + Board.
14.25 x 1912/1913 & 1913/1914.
Called: Proceedings of the Ladies Literary Club for the year ... Index , etc, Regular & Board minutes. Typed! List of the various committees & funds.
- 14.25 x 1915/1916 Regular & Board
- 14.50 x Minutes, Oct. 7, 1916-May 5, 1917. Followed by the Board of Directors minutes for 1916/17, and then the reports from the various subgroups. + loose items.

Series II. Minutes & Reports.

B. Minutes of the Ladies Literary Club.

- 14.50 x Minutes, 1917/1918, as above.
- 14.25 x 1918/1919 Regular & Board.
Called now Executive Board, instead of Program Board. Followed by minutes of Tuesday Study Class. Annual Report of the Recording Secretary for 1918/19. Annual reports of the Evening Club, Tuesday Study Class, Shakespeare Study Group, Music & Poetry Group, Patrotic Committee, Library Committee, House Committee, Telephone Committee, Civic Beauty Committee, Child Labor & Industrial Conditions Committee, In Memorium, Music Committee. + Loose items. Several other committees are named at the beginning of the volume which don't have reports resent in the binder. All in 3 ringed binder with Club name embossed. Put in box with other embossed binders to refer back to the Club.
- 14.25 x 1919/1920. Similar to above.
Annual reports from Secretary & Tuesday Class. + Treasurers Reports in this binder. May 1919-Feb. 1920(appear to be monthly) + Special Funds list. + Annual Report of the Treasurer. None of the subgroup reports here.
- 14 x Minutes, 1920/21, as above. Don't see the committee reports, but do see Treasurer.
- 14 x Minutes, 1921/22, as above. Correspondence in back pocket, folded. Group reports not visible.
- 14 x Minutes, 1922/23. Group reports not visible. Loose stuff at the front.
- 14 x Minutes, 1923/24. Some items in pocket at back, includes some brief group reports.
- 14 x 1924/25
- 14 x 1925/26
- 14 x 1926/27
- 14 x 1927/28
- 14 x 1928/29
- 14 x 1929/30
- 15 x 1934/35, including Trustee under Indentures with LLC Scholarship Fund, and subgroup reports
- 15 x 1936/37, Oct. to Apr., also includes various reports.

Series II. Minutes & Reports.

B. Minutes of the Ladies Literary Club.

- 15 x 1938/39 / Mrs. John Duncan McDonald, Recording Secretary. Also includes reports, clippings, ephemera, correspondence.
- 15 x 1939/40 Fragment.
Only pg. 4 of Annual Report found separately, to date.
- 15 x 1945/46.
Note: Labeled as "Lectures", these are at least notes, if not minutes, prepared by the Recording Secretary Jean Woodman. Includes clippings with Annual report at the end.
- 15 x 1946/47.
Note: Labeled as "Lectures", these are at least notes, if not minutes, prepared by the Recording Secretary Isadore Farrant. Looks more like a scrapbook, with clippings and ephemera inserted.
- 15 x 1947/48.
Note: Labeled as "Lectures", these are at least notes, if not minutes, prepared by the Recording Secretary Isadore Farrant. Looks more like a scrapbook, with clippings and ephemera inserted. Program for Manuscript Day / presented by LLC Scribblers. Mar. 27,
- 15 x 1948. Annual Report of the Recording Secretary at
- x x Sept. 1950-May 1951 Recording Secretaries Minutes & scrapbook pages.
2007.048 Added 4/3/2007
Includes a copy of **Powers Periodical**, Spring/Summer 1954, with the image of the Ladies Literary Club House on the front.
- X x June 1, 1980 to May 31, 1981
Includes minutes, financial and reports 1980/1981, but also Annual report for 1979-1980, and an item dated 1982
Found in blue paper cover, tucked inside a scrapbook.
In Desk backlog 6/23/2008
Most to LLC UP Box 8/27/2008

**Series II. Minutes & Reports.
C. Board Reports, separated from regular reports, and often
including Treasurers Reports.**

| | | |
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| 16 | x | 1924/25 |
| 16 | x | 1927/28 |
| 16 | x | 1928/29 |
| 16 | x | 1929/30 |
| 16 | x | 1930/31 |
| 16 | x | 1931/32 |
| 16 | x | 1933/34 |
| 16 | x | 1945/46 |
| 16 | x | 1946/47 |
| 16 | x | 1947/48 |
| 16 | x | 1948/49 |
| x | x | Apr. 7, 1948/49, April. In black 3-ring notebook. |
| 16 | x | 1949/50 in part, Jan.-Mar. 1950 + Annual |
| 16 | x | 1950/51 |
| 16 | x | 1951/52 |
| 16 | x | 1952/53 |
| 16 | x | 1954/55 |
| 16 | x | 1955/56 |
| 17 | x | 1956, Aug 7 to Apr. 16, 1962. A few subgroup reports. |
| 17 | x | 1962/63 |
| 17 | x | 1963/64 |
| 17 | x | 1964/65 |
| 17 | x | 1965/66 |
| 17 | x | 1966/67 |
| 17 | x | 1967/68 |
| 17 | x | 1968/69 |
| 17 | x | 1979/80 |
| 17 | x | 1980/81 |
| 17 | x | 1979-1981 Loose items. |
| LLC UP BOX | | |
| X | x | 1989-1990. Monthly Reports; Board Meeting Minutes; 1989 Annual Financial Statements |

Series II. Minutes & Reports.

D. Evening Club

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|----|---|--|
| 18 | x | 1908/09. Minutes, Jan. 20, 1908-June 7, 1909. |
| | x | 1909 |
| | x | 1911/12 (2) |
| | x | 1913 [Report of] Pres. Evening Club, May 24, 1913. (2 copies?) |
| | x | 1909/1910 to 1915/1916 Minutes |
| | | Contains clippings & ephemera, loose items. |
| | x | 1916/1917 to Oct.-Dec. 12, 1927 Minutes. (no 1928 here). Includes clippings, ephemera and loose items. |
| | x | 1927/28 |
| | x | 1928/29 Annual Report of the LLC Evening Club |
| | x | 1929/30. Marie Atwood, Evening Club Secretary. |
| | x | 1931/32 |

E. House Committee.

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| x | x | 1937/38-1965/66. |
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x. Scribblers Club

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| 18.5 | x | Minutes, Oct. 29, 1925 to Oct. 9, 1930. |
| 1 | 7-9 | Minutes of Ladies Literary Club "The Scribblers" from Oct. 1930 – Apr. 1936. 00.[625].xx, and unknown |
| 18.5 | x | Minutes, Oct. 16, 1941-Apr. 1, 1943. Loose items. |
| 18.5 | x | Minutes, Jan. 14, 1954 to Apr. 6, 1962. |
| 18.5 | x | Oct. 1962-Apr. 1972. From small blue 3-ringed notebook. |

Series II. Minutes & Reports.

E. Shakespeare Club

- 19 x Minutes. Oct. 5, 1933-Jan. 6, 1938. Membership lists for 1933/34 & 1934/35 at the back.
- 19 x Minutes. Feb. 3, 1938-Apr. 23, 1942. Membership lists w/i the volume. Loose items.
- 19 x Minutes. Oct. 15, 1942- Apr. 25, 1949. Some clippings. Binding separated from spine.
- 19 x Minutes, Nov. 31, 1957-Oct. 30, 1963. Directory is first page.
- 19 x Minutes, Nov. 6, 1963-Apr. 19, 1966 Last couple of "minutes" are only a few lines. Directory is first page.

F. Tuesday Club

- 19.5 x Tuesday Club Minutes. 1936/37 to 1940?
- 19.5 x Tuesday Club Minutes, May 15, 1940/41 to Nov. 1946, one line note.

Series III. Financial Records.

A. Treasurers Reports.

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|------|---|--|
| 28 | x | 1876 to 1887/88 / Mrs. W.D. Foster. |
| 28 | x | 1888/89 & 1889/90 |
| 28 | x | 1890/91 to 1893/94 / Mrs. George e. Raymond. Including membership lists. |
| 26 | x | Monthly Reports. Apr. 1930-May 1943 Large ledger type book with front cover loose. Also included sections with annual reports, special funds reports, Building construction account, etc. |
| 28 | x | Various typed reports for the year(s) 1931/1932. |
| 28 | x | Annual Reports of the Treasurer in small paper 28 covers. 1955/56 1956/57 1957/58 1958/59 1959/60 |
| 27.5 | x | 1961/62 Treasurer Banking Records unprocessed |
| 28 | x | Financial Statements, Apr. 30, 1981, unaudited. |
| 28 | x | Financial Statement. Summary Sheet. "Bills for 2005 / Bills for 2004" Listed by month, including phone, electric, gas, insurance, water and building maintainence. Pink paper. 2008.041 Added 5/12/2008 |

Series III. Financial Records.

B. Ledgers.

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| 26 | x | General Journal, May 1, 1945 to April 30, 1946 |
| 27 | x | 1946/47 to 1955 ledger sheets, plus Annual reports of the Treasurer. [Loose] |
| | | Loose Ledgers |
| 22 | x | 1959/1960, Sue Boulard (?), Treasurer. |
| 22 | x | 1960/1961 / Sue Boulard, Treasurer. |
| 22 | x | 1961/1962 / Ruth E. Schilken, Treasurer. |
| 22 | x | 1962/1963 / Ruth E. Schilken, Treasurer. |
| 22 | x | 1963/1964 [sic, May-Dec. 1963] / Anne Levandoski, |
| 27? | x | 1972-1974 sheets interfiled |
| x | x | Mostly 1972, but then 1973, and 1974 sheets inserted with these. |
| 27? | x | 1975 Ledger Sheets |
| 27? | x | 1975-1976 sheets. Perhaps these were interfiled at one time but now to appear to be in a disorderly mess, and will need time to sort our and attempt to reorder. |
| 27? | x | 1976 Case Received / Checks Drawn |
| | | Fund Raising |
| x | x | Flyer. 27 th Anniversary Committee. 2006.054 Added 6/12/2006 From SB |

Series III. Financial Records.

C. Other Accounts.

28.5 x Funds summary. Two typed sheets with brief notes on the history and intent of the funds.

Henry Memorial Fund

28.5 x 1894-1905. Henry Memorial Fund Accounts book.

Student Loan Fund / Scholarship Fund

28.6 x Statement of Receipts and disbursements, First National Bank & Trust Co.
Mar. 28, 1939 to Mar. 27, 1940
Mar. 28, 1940 to Mar. 27, 1941

28.6 x Trustee Statements. Michigan National Bank.
1950/1951
1951/52
1956?

28.6 x Property At Hand reports. Michigan National Bank.
March 27, 1954
March 27, 1955

Series III. Financial Records
Subseries D. Membership Records.

- Membership Ephemera.
- x x 2 blue individual member cards, loose from SB 1949/50 “...This ticket must be presented at each meeting”.
No. 509 = Miss May G. Quigley.
No. 510 = Mis Louisa Schweitzer.
- Membership Lists
- 28.6 x LLC Membership Waiting List, 1926-1933.
Data has names, address, name of the person proposing, and two names of vochers. There is also a note as to whether the person was accepted or not. Had ephemera items paper clipped at front: Two blank LLD Dimit cards, used when a member withdrew from the club.
- See also the yearbooks.
- X x Members of the Ladies Literary Club, 1934-1935 [typed list]
[Section 1] Renewals. Alphabetical.
[Section 2] New Members.
- 22 x 1949/50. Loose Ledger Sheets for Full Members, and subgroups.
- 29 x Membership Dues Paid card files, 1958-1966.

Series IV. Programs & Projects

Subseries A. Program Information

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|------------|---|---|
| x | x | 1984-1985. Includes clippings on Ann Landers & others, speaker bios, correspondence. |
| | | Sept. 1986-May 1987 |
| x | x | General Club info. & forms. Dorothy Coates Literary Awards Rules & Regulations. Program year overview sheet. |
| X | x | Correspondence, clippings, invitation ... |
| x | x | Scrapbook pages, including speaker photos, Coates award names, ... |
| x | x | Flyers. National Shakespeare Theatre, Sesquicentennial Salute to the Women who Built Michigan, Interlochen Outreach Tours 1986/87, Women's Awareness Day 1985, 1986 Heritage Hill Tour of Homes. |
| X | x | Ladies Literary Club Bulletins Aug./Sept. Nov./Dec. 1986 Jan. 1987 Mar. 1987 May 1987 |
| | | See also photos in the Photographs Series of this finding aid. |
| LLC UP Box | | |
| x | x | 1987-1988 Speaker Contracts. 2007.048 |
| | | Programming Grants |
| 23.75 | x | Michigan Council of the Arts, 1980 2008.041 Added 6/5/2008 |
| 23.75 | x | Steelcase, 1988, 1992 2008.041 Added 6/5/2008 |

- Autograph Books & Guest Books.**
- 11 x L.L. Club Autograph Book. 1878-ca. 1897.
Box 11, 7/10/2006
2006.054 Added 7/13/2006
Not many included.
Elizabeth B. Custer is the first entry, May 24, 1890.
- 30 x Guest Book: Oct. 21, no year [1970?] to Apr. 13, 1983.
2006.054
- SAFE x The Open Door : a guest book, 1918-1921?
Notes:
 - Photo of [Evert K. Cutter? or Aulten?] from N.Y. Photographer found accompanying.
 - Guests have written notes, as well as signatures. Further research may determine if the guests were also speakers.
 - In poor condition. Usage photocopy to be prepared.
 - The binding of this item has red rot, and will soil the user, as well as items that touch it. It is detached from the contents, which allows it to be housed separately.2006.054 Added 11/14/2006

Subseries B. Projects

Series V. Building.

- 23 1 Custodian's Book. 1904-1905
This book is mostly blank. Includes inventory.
- 23 2 Miscellaneous inventories, 1918, 1925, 1927
- Sept. 13, 1918 Hamilton & Peckham inventory. Some sheets has A.G. Peckham & address engraved on side of the paper.
 - March 17, 1925 Peckham & Rindge inventory on small sized sheets.
 - Florence McCutcheon McKee, Custodian 1926/1927 inventory, typed, with a letter from dated Jan. 9, 1927, from Josephine Coleman.
- 23 3 Clippings added by GRPL staff
- GR Herald. July 19, 1931. RE: Auditorium enlargement project.
- 23 4 Building Documents including Deeds, rental agreements, etc.
- April 30, 1887 John J. Belknap, City Clerk letter. RE Bostwick & Cas? addition. Letterhead w image of old City Hall.
 - July 1887. Agreement to Building between John H. Fry, Builder and Building Committee, Ladies Literary Club. W.G. Robinson, architect.
 - Feb. 4, 1892. Warranty Deed. Sale of Land by St. Cecilia Society to the Ladies Literary Club.
 - Feb. 5, 1892. Quit Claim Deed. Charlotte C. Luce to LLC.
 - Feb. 5, 1892. Discharge of Mortgage. Charlotte C. Luce to St. Cecilia Society.
 - Nov. 2, 1896. Lease of LLC by GR Academy of Medicine
 - Aug. 17, 1900. Sworn statement of Jane Louther.
 - Aug. 17, 1900. Sworn statement of Henry T. Herald.
 - Flyer. n.d. some Prominent Citizens of Grand Rapids for whom I have transplanted trees. (2)
- 23 5 Miscellaneous Building Graphics/Ephemera
- Michigan History Division sheet on the Ladies Literary Club. n.d.

Series V. Building.

Stained Glass Window

- | | | |
|------------|---|--|
| 23 | 5 | April 8, 1922 card on the Shakespeare Window, with note by Immen. |
| 11 | x | Duplicates in envelops of 1922 Shakespeare Window cards. |
| 1.3 | 4 | Michigan Stained Glass Census info. |
| 23 | 6 | 1930/1931 Building Project documents/reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 1930 Report. 5 small sheets.• April 1931 Report. Handwritten, 3 sheets• "On April 2, 1931 ..." typed 2 sheets found• Sept. no year. Report give to joint committee of Board of Directors, Building Committee. "On April 2rd.. handwritten, 5 sheets.• April 10, 1931. Preliminary Estimate of the Cost of Alterations at the Ladies literary Club Building, accompanied by April 20, 1931 4pg. letter from architects Rindge and Rindge. Typed.• Sept. 19, 1931 letter to GR Electric Co. from Rindge and Rindge.• Sept. 21, 1931. Report of Minnie J. Starr, Treasurer, LLC. Typed, 4 sheets attached at• Sept. 30, 1931. Notice of First Meeting. From Adeline Dunham, secretary.• Oct. 28, 1931. Account of GR Electric Co. 4 handwritten sheets.• Oct. 31, 1931. Report of the Building Committee. typed, with pencil annotations & additions, 4 sheets.• Undated "final?" report. Typed. 6 sheets. "As chairman of the New Building Committee ..." |
| 23 | 7 | Outline of Construction Requirements to accommodate the Civic Players in the LLC building. n.d. "We are preparing the following requirements ..." 3 sheets, typed. |
| outline of | | |

Series V. Building.

1976-1980 Building Project Documents. [Wisner Restoration]

See "Chronological Record of Restoration Efforts for LLC" in 275-23-11

- 23 8 1976 IRS Correspondence & LLC Constitution 1978
- 23 9 Misc. Correspondence w Michigan Dept. of State.
- 23 10 Capsule Report on LLC Auditorium Chair Restoration, Mar. 27, 1978.
• Clipping. "Lowell firm makes its name restoring ornate theater seats".
The East Press, Sept. 9, 1980.
- 23 11 Historical narratives & reports
• Ladies Literary Club of Greater Grand Rapids Apr. 1977 + Brief
History of Ladies' Literary Club / Evelyn R. Wisner, President. (2)
• Brief History of Ladies' Literary Club, Apr. 1977. (approx. 10 copies)
• Ladies' Literary Club Restoration. How It All Began.
• Chronological Record of Restoration Efforts for LLC, March, 1978 (2)
• Report to LLC Board July 12, 1978. Evelyn R. Wisner, CoChairman,
Restoration.
• To All Members of Ladies' Literary Club. A Final Report on Exterior
Restoration, Oct. 1980. (2)
- 23 12 Ladies Literary Club Auditorium Chair Restoration
Project. Donor/financial info. 1977-1980.
- 23 13 1977 MNB Central Check register for Seat Restoration in "The Executive"
booklet.
- 23.75 1 Wisner Restoration, 1977-1980. 2 small ledger type notebooks.
Blue. Contributors. About ½ full.
- 23.75 2 Green. Receipts & Disbursements. About ¼ full.
2008.041 Added 6/5/2008
- Where ? Financial Reports, 1979-1980????
See the folder w the blue paper folder for 1979-1981 financial & other
reports. Or, may be a different item.
- 34 x City of GR Water & Sewage

Ladies Literary Club
Collection #275

Series V. Building.

1976-1980 Building Project Documents. [Wisner Restoration]

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| 23 | 14 | Preliminary Grant Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Request for Consultant Service Grant + Letter● Preliminary Examination [report] July 1978. Steenvyk-Thrall, architects |
| 23 | 15 | National Register Grant Program documentation, "Pre-Application, and correspondence, Aug.-Dec. 1978. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dec. 28, 1978. Letter of Rejection for that funding period.● Bidding information. |
| 23 | 16 | March-Dec. 1978 National Trust Correspondence & support documents. |
| 23 | 17 | 1978-1979 Building condition and funding documents. Includes National Register Grant, correspondence with Steenwyk Thrall & Owen Ames Kimball, and State Historic Preservation Grant information. |
| 23 | 18 | 1977-Apr. 1979 Project file documents. Steenwyk Thrall. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● June 8, 1977 Letter to Wisner RE building review● Aug. 2, 1978 Memo to LLC RE Preservation Grant● Aug. 15, 1978 Letter to Thall RE preparation of Contract & Bids documents.● Work Categories expenses summary● Roof bird's eye drawing plan● Oct. 31, 1978 Invitation to Interested Bidders● Packet to William Hart, National Trust, Nov. 14, 1978● Thrall to Mac Collins (Michigan State) RE Bids, Nov. 15, 1978● Nov. 22, 1978 to Wisner RE negotiated contract.● Dec. 12, 1978 Steenwyk Thrall invoice (2 copies)● Mar. 5, 1979 OAK to Collins (Michigan State)● April 20, 1979 OAK to Wisner correspondence. |
| 23 | 19 | Grant Funds Correspondence, 1977-1979. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Steelcase● Baldwin Foundation● Grand Rapids Foundation |
| 23 | 20 | Restoration Fund Raising Correspondence & Summary Sheets, 1979-1980. Wisner. |
| 23 | 21 | June 12, 1979 Letters to Congressmen |

- Series V. Building.**
- 23.5 1 **Phase I Restoration. Sept. 1978+**
- Agreement for Restoration of Ladies' Literary Club Building, Sept. 15, 1978. Michigan Dept. of State & Ladies' Literary Club of Greater Grand Rapids.
 - Request for Reimbursement, National Register Grant Program.
 - Steenwyk & Thrall Invoices 1978.
- 23.5 2 OAK Invoices, 1979/1980
- 23.5 3 May-August Correspondence, including OAK & Steenwyk-Thrall and State.
- 23.5 4 Building and Program Study for the Ladies Literary Club ... / prepared by D.R. Steenwyk Associated. [ca. 1979/1980]
- 23.5 5 **Phase II Restoration documents**
- Agreement for Restoration ... Dec. 2, 1978.
 - OAK Proposal, Mar. 21, 1979, unsigned copy. Note: OAK Invoices found in this folder moved to OAK Invoices folder.
 - Amendment to Agreement ... Oct. 11, 1979.
 - Request for Reimbursement, Phase II. Nov. 28, 1979.
 - Completion Report, Project NO. 26-09315.
 - National Grant Project Application, n.d.
 - Historic Easement. Jan. 11, 1980.
 - Correspondence related to this project.
- 23.5 6 **Phase III Restoration documents**
- Agreement for Restoration ... Oct. 16, 1979.
 - First Amendment ... Phase III, Nov. 15, 1980. Project no. 26-10455.
 - Historic Easement, July 2, 1980.
 - Request for Reimbursement. July 8, 1980. Project 26-10455.
 - Correspondence.
- 23.5 7 Phase III Correspondence +
- Letters references Project 26-10455.
 - 1979 National Register Grant Program Preliminary Application, n.d. referencing existing grant 7/7/78, and contract nos. 26-08838 and 26-09315, to the end of 1978.
- 23.5 8 Willis J. Watkins Correspondence. Grants Coordinator, Michigan History Division, Michigan Dept. of State. 1977-1979

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- 23.5 9 June-July 1978 Correspondence & Report RE the award of the \$15,000 National Register Grant.
- 23.5 10 July 16, 1979 Correspondence and Financial report to Grand Rapids Foundation.
- 23.5 11 Heat/Smoke, and Security Detection Correspondence, 1977, Sept. 1979.
- 23.5 12 Miscellaneous Subcontractor correspondence & invoices. 1980.
- 23.5 13 Misc.
- “That Pound of Flesh” Dec. 1979 Wisner Progress Report.
 - Sept. 12, 1979 Memorandum of Agreement with EPS, Engineered Protection Systems, Inc.
 - Photocopy of Warranty Deed, Clara Bryce to Ladies Literary Club of Grand Rapids.
 - Photocopy of: Sketch from survey of Lots 5 & 6, except the south 12.5 feet, Block 16, Bostwick & Co., Addition. Kent County Surveyors Office. May 27, 1931, Oct. 31, 1949.
 - Sheet noting area neighborhood newspapers.
- 23.5 14 Aug. 14, 1979 Letter. Martha Bigelow to Evelyn Wisner with accompanying documents
- The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects, with guidelines for applying the standards. Washington, D.C. : U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1979.
 - Clerestory [periodical] / Michigan, Dept. of State. Michigan History Division.
 - No. 1. Insulation and old buildings / by Mac Collins.
- 23.5 14.5 1985 Renovated LLC Clubhouse
Sheet with three interior views and a cameo image of the exterior of the LLC Building.
Color copy or color digital print on heavy paper (shiny on one side) with some smearing. Taken from a scrapbook, with scrapbook page backing visible in spots.
2008.041 Added 5/12/2008

- Series V. Building. Renovations. 1985-**
23.75 3 Exterior Miscellaneous, 1985, 1990, 1992
23.75 4 Auditorium Ceiling Fans, 1986
23.75 5 Basement, 1986-1987
23.75 6 Chandeliers (Sconces), 1988-1990
23.75 7 Restoration, Inc. 1991
- 22 x Wall Paper Sample. LLC Upstairs Large Room, Sept. 1991
- 23.75 8 Security, 1993
23.75 9 Painting & Plumbing, 1996
23.75 10 Verhey Carpets, 1995-1996. Receipts.
Classic Wood Refinishing
- 23.75 11 Carpet Sample, 2006?
- Building Renovation Grants. Correspondence, forms, etc.
23.75 12 1976-1980
23.75 13 1986+ Projects
23.75 14 Frey Foundation. 1990
23.75 15 City of Grand Rapids, 1992
23.75 16 Frey / Arts Council, 1993-1994. Building / Programming
- 2006
- 23.5 14.6 Pink instruction sheets on Section 501C3 Organizations, with handwritten annotations. Ref. no. 83-6005754.
2008.041 Added 5/12/2008
- 2006 Sale of Building**
- 23.5 15 Articles on the disposition of the Ladies Literary Club Building.
Photocopies.
- GR Press. Oct. 24, 2006, pg. B3. Literary Club to Name New Owner.
 - GR Press, Oct. 26, 2006, pg. B-3 Calvin gets keys to historic building : college expected to be 'good keeper' of Ladies Literary Club. **ONLY ITEM IN FOLDER 2/7/2007**
 - GR Press, Nov. 12, 2006, pg. B-2. Literary Club Actions off 137 Years of History : prized painting sells for \$25,000 at Saturday's sale.
- 23.5 16 Historic Structure Report and Master Plan. Draft / Heather DeKorte, Cornerstone Architects, Grand Rapids. May 1, 2007.
2008.041 Added 6/2/2008

Staff adds probably in my desk backlog!

- 23.5 WHERE16 West Michigan Savoyards at LLC. Web pages.
23.5 WHERE17 National Register Misc. reference materials.
- Athenaeum of Philadelphia. Philadelphia Architects and Buildings database.

FF.x x

Landscaping
Ladies' Literary Club. Master landscape Renovation Plan / M.C. Smith & Associates, [1979-1980]
3 oversized blackline prints. One is annotated.
Illustrated the plantings around the building and names the plants.

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries A. Calendars & Yearbooks (program booklets)

Usually 1 folded sheet which lists the program dates and speakers, pocket sized.

| | | |
|---|-----|--|
| X | x | Loose from scrapbooks 1942/43 1943/44 1945/46 (2) |
| | | See also copies of yearbooks in some scrapbooks. |
| 2 | 1 | 1872-1888 Gift of Mr. James H. Campbell |
| 2 | 2 | 1889-1890 1986.461 |
| 2 | 3 | 1889-1890 c.2 Gift of Loraine Pratt Immen Estate |
| 2 | 4 | 1891-1892 1986.461 |
| 2 | 5 | 1891-1892 00.[318].3 |
| 2 | 6 | 1892-1893 1986.461 |
| 2 | 7 | 1892-1893 c.2 Gift of Mrs. Dorr Skeels |
| 2 | 8 | 1894-1895 Gift of Mr. M. Clay Church |
| 2 | 8.5 | 1895-1896 00.[1382].1 |
| 2 | 9 | 1896-1897 1986.461 |
| 2 | 10 | 1896-1897 Gift of Mr. M. Clay Church |
| 2 | 11 | 1897-1898 1986.461 |
| 2 | 12 | 1897-1898 .c 2 Gift of Carrie B. Jewett |
| 2 | 13 | 1898-1899 Gift of Carrie B. Jewett |
| 2 | 14 | 1898-1899 copies 2 & 3 1986.461 |
| 2 | 15 | 1899-1900 1986.461 |
| 2 | 16 | 1899-1900 Gift of Carrie B. Jewett |
| 3 | 1 | 1900-1901 1986.461 |
| 3 | 2 | 1900-1901 Gift of Carrie B. Jewett |
| 3 | 3 | 1901-1902 Gift of Carrie B. Jewett |
| 3 | 4 | 1902-1903 1986.461 |
| 3 | 5 | 1902-1903 c. 2 Gift of Carrie B. Jewett |

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Subseries A. Calendars & Yearbooks (program booklets)

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| | | | |
|---|----|------------------|---|
| 3 | 6 | 1903-1904 | 1986.461 |
| 3 | 7 | 1903-1904 c. 2 | Gift of Carrie B. Jewett |
| 3 | 8 | 1904-1905 | Gift of M. Clay Church |
| 3 | 9 | 1905-1906 | Gift of M. Clay Church |
| 3 | 10 | 1906-1907 | 1986.461 |
| 3 | 11 | 1906-1907 | Gift of Carrie B. Jewett |
| 4 | 1 | 1907-1908 | Gift of Mrs. James H. Campbell |
| 4 | 1 | 1908-1909 | Gift of Mrs. James H. Campbell |
| 4 | 1 | 1909-1910 | Gift of Mrs. James H. Campbell |
| 4 | 1 | 1910-1911 | Gift of Mrs. James H. Campbell |
| | | [Bound together] | |
| 4 | 2 | 1911-1912 | Gift of YMCA |
| 4 | 3 | 1912-1913 | Gift of YMCA |
| 4 | 4 | 1913-1914 | Gift of YMCA |
| 4 | 5 | 1914-1915 | Gift of YMCA |
| 5 | 1 | 1915-1916 | Gift of Mr. M. Clay Church |
| 5 | 1 | 1916-1917 | Gift of Mr. M. Clay Church |
| 5 | 1 | 1916-1917 | Gift of Mr. M. Clay Church |
| 5 | 2 | 1918-1919 | Gift of YMCA |
| 5 | 2 | 1918-1919 c.2 | P2006.013.2 Added 3/22/2006 |
| 5 | 3 | 1919-1920 | Gift of Mr. M. Clay Church |
| 5 | 4 | 1920-1921 | Gift of Mrs. Loraine Pratt Immen Estate |
| 5 | 5 | 1921-1922 | Gift of Mrs. Loraine Pratt Immen Estate |
| 5 | 6 | 1922-1923 | Gift of Mrs. Loraine Pratt Immen Estate |
| 5 | 7 | 1923-1924 | Gift of Mrs. James H. Campbell |
| 6 | 1 | 1924-1925 | 1986.461 |
| 6 | 2 | 1924-1925 | Gift of LLC |

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries A. Calendars & Yearbooks (program booklets)

Usually 1 folded sheet which lists the program dates and speakers, pocket sized.

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|---|-----|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 6 | 3 | 1925-1926 | Gift of Miss Adah Canfield | | |
| 6 | 4 | 1926-1927 | Gift of Miss Elizabeth Steinman | | |
| 6 | 4 | 1927-1928 | Gift of Miss Elizabeth Steinman | | |
| 6 | 4 | 1928-1929 | Gift of Miss Elizabeth Steinman | | |
| 6 | 4 | 1929-1930 | Gift of Miss Elizabeth Steinman | | |
| 6 | 5 | 1930-1931 | Gift of Miss Laura E. McKee | | |
| 6 | 6 | 1931-1932 | Gift of Mrs. Georgia Lawton | | |
| 6 | 7 | 1932-1933 | Gift of LLC | | |
| 7 | 1 | 1933-1936 | Gift of LLC | | |
| 7 | 2 | 1936-1937 | Gift of LLC | | |
| 7 | 3 | 1937-1938 | Gift of LLC | | |
| 7 | 4 | 1938-1939 | Gift of LLC | | |
| x | x | 1940-1941 | 2006.054 | Added 6/12/2006 | |
| | | From SB 1940/41 + Calendar list. | | | |
| X | 5 | 1941-1942 | | | |
| x | 6 | 1942-1943 | | | |
| x | 7 | 1943-1944 | | | |
| x | x | 1946-1947 | 2006.054 | Added 6/12/2006 | |
| | | From SB 1946/47. Note: pages missing. | | | |
| X | x | 1947-1948 | 2006.054 | Added 6/12/2006 | |
| | | FROM SB 1947/48 | | | |
| x | x | 1948-1949 | 2006.054 | Added 6/12/2006 | |
| | | From SB | | | |
| x | x | 1949-1950 | 2006.054 | Added 6/12/2006 | |
| | | From SB | | | |
| 7 | 8 | 1955-1956 | | | |
| 7 | 8.5 | 1960-1961 | 2004.055 | Added 7/28/2004 | |
| x | x | 1961-1962 | 2004.055 | Added 7/28/2004 | |
| | | Letter to Members from Lois J. Baldwin accompanies the 1961/62 yearbook, and refers to program and other activities. N.d. | | | |

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Subseries A. Calendars & Yearbooks (program booklets)

Usually 1 folded sheet which lists the program dates and speakers, pocket sized.

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| 7 | 9 | 1979-1980 1986.461 Where 3/26/2001 |
| 7 | 10 | 1986-1987 (2) VF Transfer |

Yearbooks Continued, 2006 Accession

Note:

| | | |
|-----|---|---|
| 7.2 | x | 1889/1890 |
| 7.2 | x | 1894/1895-1899/1900 |
| 7.2 | x | 1894/1895 (2) |
| 7.2 | x | 1895/1896 (2) |
| 7.2 | x | 1897/1898 |
| 7.2 | x | 1898/1899 Bound |
| 7.2 | x | 1899/1900 Bound |
| 7.1 | x | 1900-1010 |
| 7.1 | x | 1901/1902-1904/1905 |
| 7.1 | x | 1904/1905-1909/1910 |
| 7.2 | x | Bound volume marked 1906-1913. Binding in poor condition. |
| 7.1 | x | 1910-1920 |
| 7.1 | x | 1910/1911-1914/1915 |
| 7.1 | x | 1915/1916-1919/1920 |
| 7.3 | x | 1920-1930 incomplete. |
| 7.3 | x | 1921/1922-1922/1923 |
| 7.3 | x | 1873-1923 50 th Anniversary yearbook + Golden Anniversary program (Apr. 14, 1923) |
| 7.3 | x | 1923/1924-1924/1925 |
| 7.3 | x | 1925/1926-1926/1927 |
| 7.3 | x | 1927/1928 (2) |
| 7.3 | x | 1928/1929 (2) |
| 7.3 | x | 1929/1930 |

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries A. Calendars & Yearbooks (program booklets)

Usually 1 folded sheet which lists the program dates and speakers, pocket sized.

| | | |
|-----|---|--|
| 7.3 | x | 1930/1931-1939/1940 (10 years, complete) |
| 7.3 | x | 1940-1950 (10, complete) |
| 7.3 | x | 1940/1941 |
| 7.3 | x | 1941/1942 |
| 7.3 | x | 1942/1943 |
| 7.3 | x | 1943/1944 |
| 7.3 | x | 1944/1945 |
| 7.3 | x | 1945/1946 |
| 7.3 | x | 1946/1947 |
| 7.3 | x | 1947/1948 |
| 7.3 | x | 1948/1949 |
| 7.3 | x | 1949/1950 |
| 7.3 | x | 1950-1960 |
| 7.3 | x | 1950/1951 |
| 7.3 | x | 1951/1952 |
| 7.3 | x | 1952/1953 |
| 7.3 | x | 1953/1954 |
| 7.3 | x | 1954/1955 |
| 7.3 | x | 1955/1956 |
| 7.3 | x | 1956/1957 |
| 7.3 | x | 1957/1958 |
| 7.3 | x | 1958/1959 |
| 7.3 | x | 1959/1960 |
| 7.4 | x | 1960-1970 |
| 7.4 | x | 1960/1961 |
| 7.4 | x | 1961/1962 (2) |
| 7.4 | x | 1962/1963 |
| 7.4 | x | 1963/1964 |
| 7.4 | x | 1964/1965 |
| 7.4 | x | 1965/1966 |
| 7.4 | x | 1966/1967 |
| 7.4 | x | 1967/1968 |
| 7.4 | x | 1968/1969 |
| 7.4 | x | 1969/1970 |

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries A. Calendars & Yearbooks (program booklets)

Usually 1 folded sheet which lists the program dates and speakers, pocket sized.

| | | |
|-----|---|---|
| 7.4 | x | 1970-1980 1970/1971 1971/1972 1972/1973 1973/1974 1974/1975 1975/1976 1976/1977 1977/1978 1978/1979 1979/1980 |
| 7.4 | x | 1980-1990 1980/1981 1981/1982 1982/1983 1983/1984 1984/1985 1985/1986 1986/1987 1987/1988 (2) 100 th Anniversary of the Clubhouse (LLC building) |
| x | x | 1989/1990 |
| 7.4 | x | 1990-1999 1990/1991 1991/1992 1992/1993 (2) 1993/1994 1994/1995 1995/1996 1996/1997 1997/1998 1998/1999 |

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries A. Calendars & Yearbooks (program booklets)

Usually 1 folded sheet which lists the program dates and speakers, pocket sized.

| | | |
|-----|---|---------------|
| 7.4 | x | 1999/2000 |
| 7.4 | x | 2000-2005 |
| 7.4 | x | 2000/2001 |
| 7.4 | x | 2001/2002 |
| 7.4 | x | 2002/2003 |
| x | x | 2004/2005 (2) |

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries B. Periodicals

Note: Other issues of this title are pasted into scrapbooks.

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|---|---|---|
| x | x | Ladies' Literary Club. Literary Comments [serial] 1944: Sept., Oct. [1944?], Nov., Dec. 1945: Jan, Feb. Mar., Apr., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. 1946: Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr, +Anniversary Honor Roll., n.d. Above items found loose with 1956/1957 scrapbook 2006.054 Added 6/10/2006 |
| x | x | 1947: Oct, Nov., Dec. 1948: Feb., Mar. 2006.054. Added 6/12/2006. See Scrapbook 1947/48 for additional items. |
| X | x | 1948: Oct., Nov./Dec. 1949: Jan, Feb., Mar., Apr., Nov. 1950: Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr. 2006.065 Added 6/12/2006 See scrapbooks for additional items. |

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries B. Periodicals

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|---|------|--|
| 1 | 14 | Additional copies. Dec. Bulletin, 1944 Jan. Bulletin, 1945 Feb. Bulletin, 1945 All 1999.058 March Bulletin, 1945 April Bulletin, 1945 |
| 1 | 15 | Items found with a 1902/1903 Yearbooks. 1986.461 ● 3 clippings ● 1 Reading of Edward Rostand's Cyrano ... ● 1 Program card, Nov. 22, 1902 |
| 1 | 16 | Items found with a 1906/07 Yearbook 1986.461 ● 8 Clippings ● 1 Program |
| 1 | 17 | Clippings [unprocessed], 1979. |
| 1 | 18 | Clippings [copies] from Vertical File. ● RE Edith Wilcox Versluis gift of her "Distilled from Life" at a meeting of the LLC Scribblers. GR Herald Nov. 8, 1949. This item is in Coll. 278. Added 9/26/2005 |
| 1 | 18.5 | William Howard Taft visit, Sept. 22-24, 1911. |

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries C. From Subgroups

Scribblers Manuscripts & Plays

| | | |
|------|----|--|
| 18.5 | 1 | Scribbler's Serial, Chapter II / Letta Thomas |
| 18.5 | 2 | Chapter IV |
| 18.5 | 3 | Serial Story. Chapter V. / Vinnie K. Naer(?) |
| 18.5 | 4 | Chapter VI. |
| 18.5 | 5 | Class Serial Chapter 9. Virginia McCormick |
| 18.5 | 6 | Scribbler's Club Serial. Chapter 2. |
| 18.5 | 7 | Chapter II. / Mrs. Geo. B. Kingston |
| 18.5 | 8 | Chapter II. "Mildred had expected that her brother ..." |
| 18.5 | 9 | Chapter III. |
| 18.5 | 10 | Chapter IV. |
| 18.5 | 11 | Chapter 5. |
| 18.5 | 12 | "with the utmost caution, John Laurance had made his way across the room ... |
| 18.5 | 13 | "During the moments pending the arrival of the old family doctor' ..." |
| 18.5 | 14 | Chapter 7. |
| 18.5 | 15 | Chapter 8. |
| 18.5 | 16 | Chapter Nine. |
| 18.5 | 17 | Chapter IX. |
| 18.5 | 18 | Chapter V |
| 18.5 | 19 | "Shoes" |
| 18.5 | 20 | "The Turn in the Road" [Play] |
| 18.5 | 21 | Poetry See also "The Minor Chord" in Box 1.3 |
| 18.5 | 22 | Nine, Ten, A Good Fat Hen. |

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries C. From Subgroups

Shakespeare Study Group / Shakespeare Club

19 x

Art's Tribute to Shakespeare / by Loraine Pratt Immen. Michigan.

Parts 2-5 included.

From Scrapbook SC00039, pg. 115.

In poor condition.

These publications appear to be Immen's select excerpts from the Shakespeare literature, and other select additions.

Note: The general title above is not used for Part 5, which has the cover title "Shakespeare's Tribute to the Bible", instead.

Part Second, 1902. Merchant of Venice; Winter's Tale.

Part Three, 1903. William Shakespeare. Coriolanus; As You Like It

Part Fourth, 1904. Art, Literature & Music ... various

Part Five, 1905. Shakespeare and the Bible.

Accompanied by:

1. Poem on heart shaped paper. LLC Shakespeare Study Group. Poet's Day.
2. Program card. Annual Lecture by Rev. Cooley "Julius Ceaser" / LLC Shakespeare Study Group. April 23, 1903.
3. Letter: Oct. 3, 1996 from Carol A. Firlik, East Grand Rapids Friends of the Library, to Lily May Swann, President, LLC. Offering Immen's publications and the two ephemera items to the LLC.

Series VI. Publications or manuscripts

Subseries D. Publications. Miscellaneous.

18.5 23

Contemplating the Heavens : a sequence of poems by Linda Nemeč Foster.

Note: This copy is signed by the author, and includes the note "For L.L.C.

Many thanks for our support and graciousness!! Linda 11/28/01"

Series VII. Scrapbooks & Ephemera

- 1.3 x Scrapbook of the History of Ladies' Literary Club in Grand Rapids, Mar. 1881-Mar. 8, 1954 / Compiled by Library Staff. Formerly MKG374.23.G762 [Transferred from Coll. 239, 4/2/2001]
SC00001

Personal leaders scrapbooks

- 30 x Mrs. Ida A. Harper, et al Society & Womens Rights scrapbook. Containing mostly Indiana information, but also Vermont and some good Suffrage illustrations from a San Francisco newspaper. [small maroon foldered]

- 30 x Mrs. Perkins Scrapbook. [small maroon foldered]
- Loose items include 1) Dedication of the D.A. Blodgett Home for Children, Nov. 28, 1908 Program. 2) Calling card for Mrs. Taft / White House.
 - 1873-1914 LLC 41st Anniversary Apr. 10(11, 1914 Program. + State Dinner, Nov. 14, 1906., with Mrs. Huntley Russell as toast mistress and Hon. Wm. Alden Smith as speaker.
 - Includes some small original sketches, including Mr. Pratts Cottage, Old Mission, Aug. 15, 1876. Not sure these are for GR
 - Local Art Circle clipping, Herald, talks about paintings purchased/owned by local resident. n.d., but opposite clipping is 1912.
- SC00002**

- 30 x Ladies Literary Club of Grand Rapids. Scrap book v. 1, 1887-1915. This book presented to the LLC by Mrs. Cyrus E. Perkins. Clippings & ephemera. [large black]
SC00003

Series VII. Scrapbooks & Ephemera

Club Scrapbooks

- 30 x 1916/17 [black "Ideal" scrapbook]
SC00004
- 30 x 1918/19 Compiled by Florence McCutchun, Club Historian. [black
"Ideal" scrapbook]
SC00005
- Loose Folders, Spring 2008 NEED TO DOCUMENT THESE
FOLDERS, currently unnumbered. (James)
- 30 x
- 31 x 1920-1922 Florence McCutcheon McKee, historian.
SC00006
- 31 x 1923/24. Mostly clippings, in a regular black booklet with lined paper.
SC00007
- 31 x 1924/25. Mostly clippings.
SC00008
- 31 x 1925/26. Mostly clippings, some ephemera. String missing, covers loose.
SC00009
- 31 x 1926/27. RE LLC Historical pageant & roles, Sept. 25 1926. Centennial.
Mostly clippings, some ephemera.
SC00010
- 31 x 1928/29. Almost all clippings.
SC00011
- 31 x 1931/32 / Mrs. Joseph Renihan? Scrapbook has historical European
illustration on cover.
Loose items in a plastic bag stuck between pages.
SC00012
- 31 x Separated graphic items.
- graphic clipping of the building (source unknown),
 - 2 violet colored publication mats with the images hardly discernable
(probably an interior of the Shakespeare window and an exterior of the
building).

Series VII. Scrapbooks & Ephemera

Club Scrapbooks

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| 31 | x | 1932/33 / Mrs. Collins H. Johnston, Historian. Clippings. SC00013 |
| 31 | x | 1933/34 / Mrs. Harry R. Wells, Historian. Clippings. SC00014 |
| 31 | x | 1934/35 / Mrs. D.A. Klumph, Historian. Clippings, Correspondence, ephemera. Removed paper clips attaching some items to page. SC00015 |
| 31 | x | 1935/1936. Clippings. SC00016 |
| 31 | x | Typed List of members. |
| 31 | x | 1936/37. Mrs. Burton E. Smith, Historian, followed by .. 1937/38. Mrs. Elizabeth Oakwood Wilson, Club Historian. (starts after 1936/1937). Mostly clippings throughout. Dale Carnegie in 1937/38 speakers. SC00017 |
| 31 | x | 1939/40 / Elizabeth Oakwood Wilson, Historian. Front cover has been removed, probably removed item(s). SC00018 |
| 31.5 | x | Loose materials |

**Series VII. Scrapbooks & Ephemera
Club Scrapbooks**

- 31 x 40th Anniversary FDF. Ferguson Droste Ferguson Hospital, Dec. 1969. (2 copies)
- 31 x Loose items. (2 Photocopies of clipping + 2 recent copy prints on paper paper of image of Early Presidents = 4 items)
- **Grand Rapids Mirror** page. Aug.-Sept. 1934. pg. 18. "from Yesterday's Mirror ..." 2 published pictures: 1) early presidents 2) the building before remodeling in 1930.

Below are the identifications as given in the **Grand Rapids Mirror**.

Early Presidents, L-R:

Standing: Mrs. George C. Fitch(1877/78), Mrs. Harvey J. Hollister(1878-1880), Mrs. J.C. Herkner (1880-1882), Mrs. A.J. Daniels(1882-1884, Mrs. Enos Putman(1884-1886), Mrs. Henry S. Smith(1886-1888), Mrs. J. Morgan Smith(1888/1889), and Mrs. Loraine Immen(1889/1890).

Seated: Mrs. S.L. Withey(1876/77), Mrs. Samuel L. Fuller (1875/76), Mrs. L.D. Putnam (1873/74), Mrs. Cyrus E. Perkins(1894-1895), Mrs. L.P. Rowland(1892-1894), and Mrs. J.C. Wenham (1890-1892).

Note:

- Original Oversized photo of Early Presidents at 275-9
- Published version of Early President image, without the identifications, is in the Stinchcomb book History of the Ladies' Literary Club of Grand Rapids (1910) pg. 88.

However, it is possible that this image was used in an earlier publication, such as one of the local newspapers, and that date & source has not yet been identified. The image is given in the Mirror as taken in connection with the 20th anniversary in 1894, forty years earlier than the Mirror article. This 1894 date does not appear to be quite accurate, however, as the 21st anniversary was celebrated in 1893, per documents in this collection. It would seem that the image was taken during Mrs. Perkin's presidency, however, since hers is the latest date listed for the image.

Loose items. (where 8/27/2008) Check box 31.

- Letter, Jan. 21, 1972. To Mrs. John Duncan McDonald from Evelyn R. Wisner.
- 2 oversized newspaper clippings.
- Women's City Club publ. Nov. 1969. pg. 17

Series VII. Scrapbooks & Ephemera

Club Scrapbooks

- 31 x Ephemera Scrapbook, 1943/44-1949. Labeled 944-1945 on front. Actual dates, 1943/44 to 1949. No clippings. Mostly ephemera, including the yearbooks, calendars and Literary Comments bulletins, plus tickets, "Break down of Printing Expense" document, a couple of invitations, memo cards, memos, Scotch tape and other adhesive devices used. Examples of letterhead included & found loose at the back. Items at the back placed in acid free folder with scrapbooks.
- 31.5 Loose Materials from Scrapbooks
6/5/2008
- x SC00020. pg. 70-71
- x SC00020. pg. 42-43
- x SC00020. pg. 68-69
- x SC00020. pg. 44-45
- x SC00020. pg. 48-49
- x SC00020. Loose Materials Folder, 1940-1941
- 32 x 1938/1939 / Elizabeth Oakwood Wilson.
SC00019
- 31.5 x SC00019 Loose materials
- 32.5 x 1940 Mrs. Frank Von Steenberg scrapbook fragment.
Not indexed 8/27/2008
- 32 x 1940/1941 / Elizabeth Oakwood Wilson. Mostly clippings, many loose or coming loose. But loose items from back in acid free folder; left others at the page where found. 2 loose ephemera to folder/box. Blank pages toward back.
SC00020
- 32 x 1943-1944. Clippings. Blank pages toward back.
SC00021
- 32 x 1944/1945 Dark green with red on cover.
Clippings and literary Comments.
SC00022
- 31.5 x Loose materials
- 32 x 1945/1946. Clippings and Literary Comments.
SC00023

**Series VII. Scrapbooks & Ephemera
Club Scrapbooks**

- 32 x 1946/1947. Clippings (some loose) and ephemera.
Yearbook loose at front put in folder.
SC00024
- 32 x 1947/1948. Has 1948 on cover. About 1/2 of sheets at back are blank.
Clippings.
SC00025
- 32 x Oct. 9, 1948 to Apr. 1, 1950. Loose sheets, three holes left, white paper no
lines, Found inside from cover, and moved to acid free folder.
Clippings taped, ephemera, 1948/49 annual report.

See also loose "Literary Comments" ... added with others in periodicals.
(5)
- 32 x 1948-1950. Clippings w a little ephemera.
Pulled Literary Comments
SC00026
- 31.5 x Loose materials
- 33 x 1956-1965. Oversized black scrapbook labeled on cover "Ladies Literary
Club 1956-1957"
SC00027
- 31.5 x Loose materials from pg. 1
- 31.5 x loose materials pg. 38, 39
- 31.5 x Loose materials pg. 40, 41
- 31.5 x Loose materials pg. 46, 47
- 31.5 x Loose materials pg. 50, 51
- 8 OVE Loose materials page. 101-155
- 32.5 x Scrapbooks
● Green 1950-1952 scrapbook
SC00028
- 37.75 x Loose Photos from scrapbook above.
- 32.5 x Green 1966/67 to 1970 scrapbook
SC00029
- 32.5 x Oversized 1970-1975 scrapbook
SC00030
- 32.5 x 1975-1980. Oversized scrapbook in brown binder.
SC00031
Added 11/8/2006

**Series VII. Scrapbooks & Ephemera
Club Scrapbooks**

- 33.6 x 1980/1981. In white 3-ring binder + a folder of loose materials generally from this time period.
Added 11/8/2006
- 33.5 x 1989-1990 "LLC Programs"
White 3-ring binder.
Includes photos, clippings and documents on presenters, luncheons, etc.
- 33.5 x Scrapbooks in white 3-ring binders. Includes color photos, some correspondence, ephemera, yearbook, etc.
Added 11/8/2006
- 1991/1992.
1992/1993.
1993/1994,
1994/1995.
1995/1996
1996/1997
1997/1998
1998/1999
- 33.6 x Scrapbooks in white 3-ring binders
1999/2000
2000/2001
2001/2002
2002/2003
2003/2004

Series VII. Scrapbooks & Ephemera
Club Scrapbooks

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|---|---|---|
| x | x | Correspondence, etc. related to Mrs. Ralph D. (Charlotte) Plumb. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clipping from New Yorker. Nov. 26, 1960, pg. 207, comment on Mrs. Plumbs exciting life, picked up from GR Press.• Postcards from Indianapolis (1959) & San Fernando Mission (1961), Feb. 6, 1961 envelop.• Virgilia Peterson? Mar. 1961. on Hotel Raule letterhead.• Charlotte Adams, N.Y. Jan. 17, 1961 note on blue paper.• Note from Ann Landers, Feb. 7, 1961.• Ann Wilson, Apr. 19, 1960, N.Y.• Niles Magidoff, Feb. 1960• William D. Saltiel, Attorney, Chicago. (2) Feb & Apr. 1961• Dec. 1960 card; Aly Wassil Mar. 1961 letter. |
| X | x | Cleveland Amory Charlotte Plumb files. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portrait photo of Cleveland Amory• card w his address.• Letter from him Nov. 7, 1960 on Sheraton Hotel |
| X | x | 8x10 b/w photo of unidentified group of woman “Hidden Persuaders” /man “Status Seekers Vance Packard / woman. Found with Charlotte Plumb files. |

Series VII. Scrapbooks & Ephemera
Club Scrapbooks

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| 35 | x | Scrapbooks. Scribblers. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1926-1934, with loose stuff, including a 1942 8x10 b/w photo, Robinson, Prize Winners in Scribblers Contest. Image has Shakespeare window partial visible behind them.● Scrapbook, 1963-1954● Scrapbook, 1964-1965. |
| 34 | x | Miscellaneous Ephemera Writing Award flyer. ca. Feb. 10, 1983 RE 5th, 8th, and 11 th grade writing competition. |
| 34 | x | Literary biography & works binder. No specific local content, but evidently prepared by a club member, unknown. 2006.054 |
| 34 | x | Misc. note slips & cards |

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries A. Oversized and/or framed items

2007.048.2.1-6 Added 1/8/2008

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|---|---|---|
| x | x | Ladies Literary Association. July 31 st , 1878. Brown line print. Rendering of an exterior elevation, side view with the chimney. Decorative elements on the roof. Perhaps not as built. |
| x | x | Friend and Member Donors to 1977 Auditorium Chair Restoration. [List of names of donors, alphabetically, last name first] Signed for the LLC by Marilyn Hunting, Chairman of Restoration, Evelyn Wisner, President, 1975-1977. |
| x | x | Enrolled House Bill No. 4494. State of Michigan, 81 st Legislature, Regular Session of 1981. Act. no. 212, Dec. 30, 1981. Has exemption clause for non-profits still occupied by those agencies. Signed bill (Milliken) and pen, plus a photo above of unidentified men & women. |
| x | x | Letter. City of Grand Rapids, Michigan stationery with the red Calder in front of the black buildings. Apr. 9, 1982. To Property Owner, from Gerald E. Ernst, Secretary Board of Review (City Assessor). Inside address is from John H. Logie of Warner, Norcross & Judd. |
| X | x | Certificate. The Members of the Michigan Historical Commission Express Their Thanks to the Kent County Council for Historic Preservation for sponsoring the Ladies Literary Club historical marker. Lansing, Nov. 10, 1983. |
| x | x | Ladies Literary Club, circa 1887. Pen & ink sketch rendering by Nancy Clouse, ca. 198?-199? See also copy photoprints in Box 37. |

Series VIII. Graphics
Subseries A. Oversized and/or framed items

Posters, Plates and printed illustrations

where?x

Graphics

- Printing Plates for LLC Brochure, 9-89. [original illustrations on board]
 - illustration in color marker by “Noffsinger” of the door to the Ladies Literary Club.
 - Illustrations on one board for what appear to be three different LLC logos.

22 x “Credentials” cards, attached to boards. (4 + 1 + 1 oversized sheet)
+ Ballot, March 8, 1930.

22 x Blue placement-sized graphic by Ruth M. Block of a windmill with the poem “Wasted” by Clem H. Block. Block Creations. n.d. (3 copies)

LLC “The Shakespeare Window” by Louis C. Tiffany (1915)

1.3 5 Bookmarks (10)

1.3 6 Postcards (40)

2006.054 Added 11/8/2006

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries D. Photographs or Photocopies of Photos

A limited number of photographs are found in this collection. More images are found published in booklets and newspaper clippings.

Photos, when found, are primarily included in the scrapbooks of the era, either glued to the pages, or sometimes loose.

No index to photographs or images currently exists for this collection. However, some key word searching within the document will identify select annotations for some images.

See Box 34 for some later loose photographs.

- LLC Members. Portrait Photos.
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|----|---|---|
| 37 | x | Lucinda H. Stone (1814-1900). Color photo of a painting at Kalamazoo College. 2006.054 |
| 37 | x | Color laser photocopies of photos <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mrs. Putnam, First LLC President● Lucinda Stone, teacher of first study group. |
| 37 | x | General Grand Rapids Reference Images. Laser copies. (5) Probably for historical context to the time the club was established. From GRPL Collections |

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries D. Photographs or Photocopies of Photos

Oversized Group Photographs

9 x
Early Presidents [Past Presidents] ca. 1893/1894
2008.041.2 Added 6/18/2008

Early Presidents, L-R:

Standing: Mrs. George C. Fitch(1877/78), Mrs. Harvey J. Hollister(1878-1880), Mrs. J.C. Herkner (1880-1882), Mrs. A.J. Daniels(1882-1884, Mrs. Enos Putman(1884-1886), Mrs. Henry S. Smith(1886-1888), Mrs. J. Morgan Smith(1888/1889), and Mrs. Loraine Immen(1889/1890).

Seated: Mrs. S.L. Withey(1876/77), Mrs. Samuel L. Fuller (1875/76), Mrs. L.D. Putnam (1873/74), Mrs. Cyrus E. Perkins(1894-1895), Mrs. L.P. Rowland(1892-1894), and Mrs. J.C. Wenham (1890-1892).

9 x
Ladies' Literary Club of Paris Township. Organized 1881. [1889]
Pencil date on verso of photo.
2008.041.2 Added 6/18/2008

Standing: Mrs. Edward Stiles / Mrs. Evan Hendershott / Mrs. Aaron Van Hoesen / Mrs. George Wykes / Mrs. Albert Guild / Miss Ellen Evarts / Mrs. Geo. Chadwick / Mrs Emma Eberhart

Seated center: Mrs. Abby Parsons / Mrs. Wm. Aton / Mrs. Edwin Hoyt / Mrs. Marion Harris. / Mrs. Alfred Hannah. / Mrs. Lansing Rathburn /

Seated front: Mrs. Kittie Stevens / Mrs. Joseph Trout (holding photo) / Mrs. Richard Rounds / Mrs. Charles Spears / Mrs. Hugo Rathbun / Mrs. Charles McCrath.

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries D. Photographs or Photocopies of Photos

Building

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|----|---|--|
| 37 | x | Exteriors, 19 th century. Copy Photos from GRPL Collections. (3) |
| 37 | x | Ladies Literary Club, circa 1887. Pen & ink sketch rendering by Nancy Clouse, ca. 198?-199? See also oversized graphics. Note: Check date of the addition, shown in the image. Image said to be ca. 1887. |
| 37 | x | Exteriors, 1970's-1980's (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Facade. Robinson Studio. April 9, 1971● Front views. Photographer unknown, 1977, |
| 37 | x | Exterior detail. Copyrighted to Balthazar Korab, ca. 1970's? (1) |
| 37 | x | Laser of printed image (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Annual Announcements, 1898-1899 with image of the building. |
| 37 | x | Interiors. Auditorium (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stage in Auditorium. 19th? Century. b/w color laser● Auditorium, view from in front of the stage. Aug. 1977. Color photo |
| 37 | x | Interiors. Sketches by unidentified artist. b/w laser copies (2) |

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries D. Photographs or Photocopies of Photos

Building photos, 1978, 1981, but mostly undated. Various sets. (50 b/w 4x5 snapshots)

2008.041 Added 5/16/2008

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| 37 | x | June 1978 Set (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Facade from across the street with autos on the street and a street light.○ Roof view looking east(?) with the stack on the North instead of the South as in the image above. |
| 37 | x | June 1981 Set (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bird's eye view from the upper floor of a building across the street. Shows the buildings on Division in the background.○ Facade perspective from the right. |
| 37 | x | Curved photo corners set (6 + 5 + 1 = 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 6 copies of a detail showing the lantern to the right of the doors near the Ladies Literary Club name arc.○ 5 copies of a roof detail showing shingles○ 1 with a "P" in a circle upper right. Worm's eye view of the roof line where parts meet. |

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries D. Photographs or Photocopies of Photos

Building photos, 1978, 1981, but mostly undated. Various sets. (50 b/w 4x5 snapshots) Continued ...

2008.041 Added 5/16/2008

- 37 x No border set. Most of these have a pin hole in the upper left corner. (17)
- o Front facade.
 - o Front facade a bit closer and a bit fuzzier
 - o Front facade showing more of the right (North) side from the street in front of the building.
 - o Bird's eye view of the building from the left upper side, showing a bit of the structures behind it, but a good view of the additional at left.
 - o Worm's eye in perspective, looking up at the facade view from the left, with the stack center left.
 - o Gable view with a ladder partially seen at left on the roof.
 - o Gable view from the right with the knobby lightening rod at top.
 - o Detail of stack and window to lower left below stack.
 - o Detail of stack from atop the roof with a cone top building at left and the street at right.
 - o Detail of the roof line and gutter from near the stack with a building and windows with "er Plym" ... letters on building across the street.
 - o Worm's eye view of corner of building and detiles at cornice, plus stack
 - o Worm's eye view of the corner at the roof line near the front(?) windows
 - o Detail of the room across the ridges, with a peek at the store level buildings on the left.
 - o Chimney detail on the side of the building with a window left.
 - o Another detail of the chimney at right, from the ground
 - o Window detail near columns.
 - o Identified as the wall of the Old car dealership now the Urban Institute of Arts which is North of the parking lot on the North site of the LLC.
- 37 x 4 of the exterior from the street
- o Facade. Right side door of left entrance standing open.
 - o Left perspective view showing the left door open and a marquee in the yard "American Prophecy Crusade..."
 - o Nearer view at street level of the marquee sign and a man watering the yard, with an auto in the background.
 - o Worm's eye of the windows atop the front facade
- 37 x 12 Window sill details.
- 37 x One view of four people standing near a car on the street.

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries D. Photographs or Photocopies of Photos

LLC UP Box

X x

Outdoor Sculpture (4 + 1 + 4 color snapshots)

- 4 images of a work from the Art Works “Something Fishy” project with the Grand Rapids Public Schools, street sculpture by students. A painted fish sculpture standing in front of the LLC Building, 2000/2001.
- 1 image of the building without the fish sculpture
- 4 images of members at an unidentified home, on a porch or by a swimming pool.

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries D? Photographs or Photocopies of Photos

Program Photos

2007.048

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| 37 | x | Program Presenters, Autographed. 1940-1945 (20) |
| 37 | x | Program Presenters, Autographed. 1946-1949 (19) |
| 37 | x | Program presenters, Autographed. Undated 1940's (25) Includes Cornelia Otis Skinner, and other literary notables. Image of Emily Kimbrough is a photo of a painting, which may be by Salvador Dali. |
| 37 | x | Program Presenters, Unsigned, 1940's (7) |
| 37 | x | Local Activities, various dates, 8x10 b/w (5) |
| 37 | x | 1986-1987 Program related (10 photos, 1 neg.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Spring Luncheon (2 color)● Gordon Olson, Candance Anderson, Inez Wagemaker May 4, 1987. (1 color)● Eileen Shedleski with United Way of Kent county Merit Award (1 color)● Coates award student group. (1 8x10 color)● Unidentified b/w woman portrait● 4 theatrical or presenter b/w promos. Cristine Rouseel item has a 4x5 negative attached to the back. |

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries D? Photographs or Photocopies of Photos

Program Photos

LLC UP Box

X x

2007.048

Dec. 1998-Feb. 1999 Member Activities at the LLC (12 color snapshots)

Photographer unknown

Dec. 1998

1. Front lounge, corner table Christmas decorations including an electric tree and fancy top electric candles.
2. Nativity figures on a table beneath a framed item partially seen
3. Two wreaths, each on a door of a double door.
4. Maggie Batt standing by a tree in the front lobby with the lounge behind her.
5. Christmas tree by the stage
6. Cookie Walk ? Member Helen Gill [on the stage]
7. Cookie Walk [committee, on the stage]
L-R Anne Painter, Helen Gill, Dorothy Misele, Winnie Kellogge, Bea Watzig, Lillie Mal Swann? Not pictured
8. Cookie Walk bird's eye view (dark)
9. [Cookie Walk] Mary Te Pastte, Sarah McKerlie

Feb. 20, 1999 Valentine Coffee

10. Tea table set in the Lounge.

11. Chairman Beatrice Van Houten, Rita Milanawski, and unidentified, with a view to others in the room behind.

12. L-R: Rita Milanowski, Anne Painter, Unidentified, Helen Gill, Lillie Mae Swann, Beatrice Van Houten standing near the decorated table.

Photographer Print Blocks.

34? x

Two printers blocks for photos.

- Mrs. C. Newcomb
- Mrs. Immen.

Series VIII. Graphics

Subseries D. Photographs or Photocopies of Photos

**Individual Portrait Photographs of Ladies Literary Club Presidents,
18xx-2003** 2008.041 Added 5/7/2008

37.5 1

Digital

These images are numbered according to their order as President, with Mrs. Putnam serving as the First present, and Mrs. Gonzalez serving as the 19th President.

In the 1920's, this type of labeling begins to disappear, and these are some problems reconciling the years with the missing information on which President the women is by succession number. It may be that some served two terms.

37.5 2

1873-1887

1. Mrs. L.V. Putnam, 1873
2. Marion Bliss, 1874
3. S.L. Fuller, 1875 (2)
4. Mrs. S.L. Withey, 1876
5. Mrs. Lee Fitch, 1877
6. Mrs. Harvey Hollister, 1878-1879
7. Mrs. J.T. Herkner, 1880-1881 2 of 2 left profile. + right profile from Arthur & Philbric, 1880-1881 Copy print of right profile.
8. Mrs. H.J. Daniels, 1882-1883
9. Mrs. Enos Putnam, 1884-1885
10. Mrs. Henry Smith, 1886-1887

37.5 3

1888-1906

11. Mrs. Morgan Smith, 1888
12. Loraine Immen, 1889, President 1890
13. Mrs. J.L. Wenham, 1890-1891
14. Mrs. L.P. Rowland, 1892-1893
15. Mrs. Agnus Perkins, 1894-1895 / Mrs. Cyrus E. Perkins, 1894-1895
16. Mrs. L.E. Thompson, 1896-1897
17. Mrs. Dwight Goss, 1898-1899
18. Ellen Morrison, 1900
19. Mrs. Jose Gonzalez, 1901-1903
20. Mrs. Sherwood Hall, 1903-1906

Series VIII. Graphics

**Subseries D? Photographs/Photocopies of Photos/Graphic Clippings
Photographs of Ladies Literary Club Presidents, 18xx -2003**

- 37.5 4 1906-1926
Note, Unless otherwise indicated, these are published images, not actual photographs.
21. Mrs. Huntley Russell, 1906-1908
22. Mrs. Frank Worth, 1908-1910
23. Mrs. William F. McKnight, 1910-1913
24. Mrs. Lucius Boltwood, 1914-1915
25. Mrs. Frederick W. Powers, 1916-1918
26. Miss Letta Eulalia Thomas, 1918-1920. Photograph?
27. Absent
28. Mrs. Carl N. Mather, 1920-1922
29. Mrs. John S. McDonald, 1922-1924 (not labeled with number)
Photograph
30. Absent
- 37.5 5 1924-1943
- Mrs. Oscar E. Waer, 1924-1926. Published image, source unknown.
 - Mrs. Clayton H. Hoffman. Published image identified for Le Clear-Dykhuisen, 1926-1928.
 - Mrs. Allen G. Miller, 1929-1931 Published image
 - Mrs. Cyrus B. Newcomb, 1931-1933. Published image
 - Mrs. Lawrence³ E. Groge, 1933-1934.
 - Mrs. James K. Miller, Jr., 1934-1936
 - Mrs. Henry D. MacNaughton, 1936-1938
 - Mrs. Arthur R. Hurst, 1938-1939 + copy photo
 - Mrs. David Gray, 1940-1942
 - Mrs. Merritt Lawrence, 1942-1943
- 37.5 6 1945-1963
- Betty Weinhart, 1943-1945
 - Mrs. A.B.L. Woodman, 1945-1947
 - Mrs. Stuart Spindler, 1947-1950
 - Mrs. Roland B. Chrispel, 1950-1953
 - Mrs. Paul G. Goebel, 1953-1955
 - Mrs. John B. Martin, Jr., 1955-1956
 - Mrs. Philip W. Buchen, 1956-1957
 - Mrs. Raymond O. Wagemaker, 1958-1960
 - Mrs. Etelle Waterman, 1959-1960
 - Mrs. Ralph O. Plumb, 1961-1963

Series VIII. Graphics'

Subseries D? Photographs

Photographs of Ladies Literary Club Presidents, 18xx -2003
1963-1982

37.5 7

- Mrs. Donald R. Schilken, 1963-1965
- Mrs. Don Levandoski, 1966-1968
- Mrs. Garland Hughes, 1968-1970
- Mrs. Walter Perschbacher, Jr., 1970-1972
- Mrs. Henry Warren, 1972-1975
- Mrs. Gale Wisner, 1975-1977
- Mrs. Edward Piseda, 1977-1978
- Mrs. Judson Davis, 1978-1979
- Mrs. Donald LeClaire, 1979-1981
- Mrs. Thomas Hills, 1981-1982

37.5 8

1982-2003

- Mrs. Thomas Wright, 1982-1984 (Nancy)
- Mrs. R.O? Wagemaker, 1984-1988 (Inez)
- Mrs. Robert Burch, 1988-1991, 1999-2000
- Mrs. M.W. Bott, 1991-1994
- Lillie Mae Swann, 1994-1997 Photo by Rosemary Van Houten
- Dolores Stopples, 1997-1999
- Helen Gill, 2000-2001
- Peta Warner, 2001-2003

Series IX. Other Women's Clubs and Grand Rapids Literary Clubs

A. Minutes.

Grand Rapids Federation of Womens Clubs

21 x GR Federation of Women's Clubs. Board minutes, June 12, 1906-Apr. 16, 1914.
2006.xxx

West Side Ladies Literary Club

1.5 x West Side Ladies Literary Club.
Minute Book, 1875/1876, 1876/1877, 1877/1878
Includes the Constitution and ByLaws, Duties of the Secretary, Names of members, and a few clippings at the end. Insect evidence.
2005.040 Added 5/11/2005

Series IX. Other Women's Clubs and Grand Rapids Literary Clubs

B. Yearbooks.

- 7.5 Acorn Literary Club, Annual Announcements
Formerly MKG3743.Ac7
1 1908-1909 & 1909-1910, 11 & 12th. 00[2103].1-2
2 1914-1915 & 1915-1916, 17th & 18th 00.[2071].1
Added 2/26/2002 & 3/18/2002

Burton Heights Literary Club Yearbook

- Formerly MKG374.3.B95
7.5 3 1904-1905 00.[1383].1 10/24/2001
1905-1906 00.[1384].1 10/24/2001
7.5 4 1909-1910 00.[3655].1 Added 4/5/2005
1910/1911 00.[3655].2
1911/1912 00.[3655].3
1916/1917 00.[3655].4

Ladies' Literary Club, Comstock Park, Mich.

- 7.5 5 9th Annual Announcement. 1919-1920
00.[2307].1 6/12/2002.

Eaglesfield Literary Club (Grand Rapids)

- 7.5 6 1900/1901
1902/1903
1904/1905
1905/1906
1906/1907
1907/1908
1908/1909
00.[3654].1-7 Added 4/5/2005

- 7.5 6.5 **East Side Ladies Literary Club**
2006.054 Added 11/8/2006
1902/1903 (2)
1903/1904 (2)
1904/1905
1908/1909

Series IX. Other Women's Clubs and Grand Rapids Literary Clubs

B. Yearbooks.

Equity Literary Club, Annual Program

Formerly MKG374.3.Eq5

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|-----|---|-----------|---------------------|
| 7.5 | 7 | 1898/1899 | 00.[1415].1 |
| | | 1899/1900 | 00.[1412].1 Bound w |
| | | 1900/1901 | 00.[1413].1 Bound w |
| | | 1901/1902 | 00.[1414].1 Bound w |
| | | 1903/1904 | 00.[1409].1 Bound w |
| | | 1904/1905 | 00.[1410].1 Bound w |
| | | 1905/1906 | 00.[1411].1 Bound w |
| 7.5 | 8 | 1996/1907 | 00.[1408].1 |
| | | 1909/1910 | 00.[1406].1 Bound w |
| | | 1910/1911 | 00.[1407].1 Bound w |
| | | 1911-1912 | 00.[1405].1 |
| | | 1912-1913 | 00.[1404].1 |
| | | 1914-1915 | 00.[1401].1 Bound w |
| | | 1915-1916 | 00.[1402].1 Bound w |
| | | 1916-1917 | 00.[1403].1 Bound w |

Four by Four Ladies Literary Club

Formerly MKG374.3.F82

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| 8 | 1 | 1905/1906 | 00.[2099].1 |
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| | | 1915/1916 | |
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| | | + 1907-1908 | 00.[1380].1 10/24/2001 |
| 8 | 2 | 1918/1919 & 1919/1920 | |
| | | 1923/1924 | |
| | | 1925/1926 | 00.[2099].8 |
| | | 00.[2099].1-8 | 3/18/2002 |

General Culture Club

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Series IX. Other Women's Clubs and Grand Rapids Literary Clubs

B. Yearbooks.

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| 8 | 4 | 1897/1898 | 00.[3662].1 | Added 4/5/2005 |
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| | | 1901/1902 | 00.[3662].5 | |
| | | 1904/1905 | 00.[3661].1 | Added 4/5/2005 |
| | | 1906/1907 | 00.[3661].2 | Added 4/5/2005 |

Grand Rapids Women's Club

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| 8.75 | x | Sayings and Sentiments / compiled by members of the Fourth Division. 1900. | | |
| | | 00.[3674].1 | Added 4/6/2005 | |
| | | Formerly MKG374.3.G76s | | |
| | | Spine damaged and partially missing. | | |
| 11 | x | Duplicate. This copy shows damage as above. | | |

General Women's Clubs [Serials]

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|------|---|--|-------------|----------------|
| | | Club Chronicles | | |
| 8.75 | x | [v. 1, no.2] Nov. 1898 | 00.[3670].1 | Added 4/6/2005 |
| | | c. 2 bound as Miscellaneous L.L.C. Publications. | | |
| 8.75 | x | v. 1, no. 2, Dec. 1898. | 00.[2117].1 | 3/18/2002 |
| 8.75 | x | v. 1, no. 3, Jan. 1899 | 00.[3670].2 | Added 4/6/2005 |
| | | Note: Another copy of this issue, in better condition, is at Coll. 285-8-16. | | |

Home Literary Club

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| 8 | 5 | 1909/1910 | 00.[1381].1 | Added \ |
| 8 | 6 | 1911/1912 | 00.[3664].1 | Added 4/5/2005 |
| | | 1913/1914 | | |
| | | 1914/1915 | | |
| | | 1915/1916 | | |
| | | 1943-1944 | 00.[3664].5 | |

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| 8 | 7 | 1904/1905 | 00.[3660].1 | Added 4/5/2005 |
| | | 1911/1912 | 00.[3660].2 | Added 4/5/2005 |

Kate MacDonald Literary Club

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| 8 | 8 | 1910/1911 | 00.[3659].1 | |
| | | 1911/1912 | 00.[3659].2 | |
| | | 1913/1914 | 00.[3659].3 | |

Ladies' Reading Class. Program

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| 8 | 9 | 1891 | 00.[3663].1-12 | Added 4/5/2005 |
| | | 1892 | | |
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Series IX. Other Women's Clubs and Grand Rapids Literary Clubs

B. Yearbooks.

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| 8.5 | 1 | Mutual Improvement Club Announcements Formerly MKG374.3.M98 3/18/2002 |
| | | 1904-1905 00.[2106].1 |
| | | 1906.1907 00.[2107].1 |
| | | 1910-1911 00.[2108].1 |
| | | 1911.1912 00.[2109].1 |
| | | 1913.1914 00.[2110].1 |
| | | 1916-1917 00.[2111].1 |
| | | 1917-1918 00.[2112].1 |
| | | 1918-1919 00.[2113].1 |
| | | 1919-1920 00.[2114].1 |
| | | 1920.1921 00.[2115].1 |
| 8.5 | 1 | 1926-1927 00.[2116].1 |

Missing 4/5/2005

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Mutual Improvement Club Announcements.
8th, 1904-1905 Gift of Club
10th, 1906-1907 Gift of Club
14th, 1910-1911 Gift of Mr. James F. Melville
15th, 1911-1912 Gift of Club
17th, 1913-1914.
20th, 1916-1917. Gift of the Club

21st, 1917-1918 Gift of the Club
22nd, 1918-1919
23rd, 1919-1920
24th, 1920-1921
[Bound together]

30th, 1926-1927 Gift of Mrs. Carl G. Johnson

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B. Yearbooks.

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| 8.5 | 3 | South End Ladies' Literary Club 1897-1898 00.[2602].1 10/2/2003 Formerly MKG374.3.So8 |
| 8.5 | 4 | Union Literary Society Invitation, 16 th Anniversary, Aug. 12, 1892, including "Society Roll" for 1892-1895. 00.[2276].1 5/24/2002 |
| 8.5 | 5 | Valley City Literary Club 1898/1899 00.[2395].1 1901/1902 00.[2395].2 1904/1905 00.[2395].3 1906/1907 00.[2395].4 1914/1915 00.[2395].5 |

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B. Yearbooks.

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| 8.5 | | West Side Ladies Literary Club | | | |
| | 6 | 1902/1903 | 00.[3656].1 | Added 4/5/2005 | |
| | | 1904/1905 | | | |
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| | | 1906/1907 | | | |
| | | 1908/1909 | | | |
| | | 1909/1910 | 00.[3656].6 | | |
| | | 1913/1914 | 00.[3656].7 | | |
| | | 1914/1915 | | | |
| 8.5 | 6 | 1916/1917 | 00.[3656].9 | | |
| 8.5 | 7 | 1921/1922 | 00.[3656].10 | | |
| 8.5 | 8 | 1926/1927 | 00.[2105].1 | 3/18/2002 | |
| 8.5 | 7 | 1929/1930 | 00.[3656].11 | | |
| 8.5 | 7 | 1935/1936 | 00.[3657].1 | Added 4/5/2005 | |
| 8.5 | 7 | 1936/1937 | 00.[3656].12 | | |
| 8.5 | 7 | 1937/1938 | | | |
| 8.5 | 7 | 1938/1939 | | | |
| 8.5 | 7 | 1940/1941 | 00.[3656].13 | | |
| 8.5 | 9 | 1941/1942 | 00.[3658].1 | | |
| | 9 | 1950/1951 | 00.[3658].2 | | |
| | 9 | 1953/1954 | 00.[3658].3 | | |
| | | Women's Literary League | | | |
| 8.5 | 10 | 1913/1914 | 00.[3667].1 | Added 4/5/2005 | |
| | | 1914/1915 | | | 00.[3667].2 |
| | | 1915/1916 | | | 00.[3667].3 |

Series IX. Other Women's Clubs and Grand Rapids Literary Clubs

C. Other Clubs, not Grand Rapids.

- 8.75 x Woman's club, Homer, Mi. Yearbooks.
1902/03
1903/04
1904/05
1905/06
- 8.75 x Women's Literary Club, Hesperia, Mi.
1913/14

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(Nancy Wright, President as of 4/19/2005). Apr. 23, 2005. 2005.037

To be integrated into this collection & series above, as time permits.

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File 1. "History File, 11/99. AB"

14. **Grand Rapids Mirror**, v. 1, no. 3, Fall 1933. (2 copies of contents page only)
15. "Why We Exist" / Wilma Brashler, Historian. (2 copies, one on pink paper, and one on white. The white copy only has the date, Sept. 1980)
16. Ladies' Literary Club. By-Laws. Governing the Executive Board, 1981.
17. June 17, 1992 Letter from Inez L. Wagemaker of the Club to Jeff Hole of Aquinas College RE Work-Study students
18. Draft History as of July 1993. Cut and paste version of several pages. Inez Wagemaker.
19. Untitled three page history by IW.
20. Items form the history of LLC. Brief timeline, by IW on LLC letterhead.
21. Yellow flyer/mailer? "Now Available for Rental" with image of Shakespeare Window, auditorium, and building exterior.
22. A Brief History, n.d. Giving particulars of the history of the building and club to potential renters.
23. Memo draft on Sept. 18, 1996 Pictorial History of the club. Period costume greeters.
24. Memo. Undated and Unsigned, stating that the LLC historical records were to be given to the Library. Gordon says no follow thru.
25. July 3, 1996 Letter. RE Survey. From the GR Historical Commission soliciting information on historical collections, and suggesting the Grand Rapids Public Library, Local History Department as a place for documents.
26. Theatre.
 - a. "It's Showtime : LLC Classical Theatre provides a link with the past". Gerald Elliott. GR Press. Note on back.
 - b. State Veteran is reclusive poet Dickinson in lauded drama "Belle of Amherst". Donna Kinsey Bowersox. Kentwood Advance, Apr. 13, 1993.
 - c. Expansion of Ladies' Literary Club building is 'classic' idea. / Andy Giegerich. Advance. 1989/90?
 - d. New LLC Theatre opens with British work on royalty / Dave Nicolette. GR Press, Mar. 23, 1988. (2 copies)

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File 1. "History File, 11/99. AB" Continued ...

Items showing or related to the building, with some information on the Club, as well.

27. Michigan History Division, Mich. Dept. of State. Blurb with image. (4 copies, white paper)
28. Another of above on yellow paper.
29. Flyer? Heritage Hill return address. Article "Ladies Literary Club site of March H H Chamber Concert" Has image of the building, and information on the architecture and interior.
30. Ladies' Literary Club of Greater Grand Rapids. Apr. 1977. Ev. Wisner. "A National, State and City Historical Site..." (2 copies)
31. Mar. 2, 1992. Letter. To Michigan's Women's Historical Center, Lansing. From Inez L. Wagemaker. About the history, with "A Short History ..." attached. Both on logo letterhead with an image of the building, post renovation.
32. Photocopy. Image of Building from unidentified publication. View of Façade and North side form the NE. No view of the current side door in this image (pre-renovation?)
33. Jan. 3, 1986 letter to Inez L. Wierengo from Bonnier Miller of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Michigan. States that the Kalamazoo Ladies Library Association was formed in 1852 and built their building in 1878, predating the GR LLC.
34. Ladies' Literary Club of GR. by Virginia R. Neis, LLC Publicity, n.d.
35. May 25, 1992. Letter. To Margaret Elchuk, Lansing, from Inez L. Wagemaker, PR. RE possible Mrs. Bush lecture.

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Folder 2.

1. "Clubs, concerts, Social Issues and Suffrage" / Lynn G. Mapes and Anthony Travis. **Grand River Valley Review**, v. 2, no. 1, Fall-Winter 1980.

Note: This article includes an image of the Presidents, 1873-1894, which were also many of the founding members of the local x Museum.

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original issue of **GR Valley Review** v. 2, no. 1

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Folder 2.

....Greeter. History and Façade of Building. 2 pages (2 copies) n.d.

2. 6 images of the building, copied on pink paper. Location of the original photos is unknown.

- Exterior perspective view of the front, showing the South side of the building before the renovation/addition.
- Exterior perspective view of the front, showing the South side, now with a different roof line on the South at the auditorium, and a squarish ground level addition at the back South corner.
- Bird's eye view, dated 1979-1980, showing the South addition extending from the original south wall near the Library, and moving the gable seen in the image above, out to accommodate the new entrance and anteroom. There is also the ground level additional at the back.
- 1979-1980 near view of the façade, taken from the SE, showing both front entrances.
- Undated view of the original façade, with the South addition just visible.
- Mrs. Gale. L. (EV)Wisner, president, 1975-1977, standing at the original entrance. The "Ladies' Literary Club" sign is clearly seen in the arch above the recessed entrance. The light detail, plaque and sign board are also notable, as well as the glass detail of the double front doors.

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Folder 2.

Documents (from manila envelop)

- Pages copied from Stinchcomb's History of the Ladies' literary Club, 1910.
- Mar. 24, 1977. Letter to Members & Friends from Marilyn Hunting, Restoration Chairman and Evelyn R. Wisner, President, RE funding for Restoration, estimated costs, \$56,893.
- Oct. 1980. Ev Wisner. A final Report on Exterior Restoration. \$100,000 project. Donald R. Steenwyk Associated Architects, Grand Rapids area. National Register Grant program. Calling for a new project for interior restoration.
- Mar. 30, 1982. Advisory Board Minutes. 2 pages.
- Apr. 9, [1983?] Advisory Council of Past Presidents.
- Jan. 18, 1984. LLC Board Meeting.
- Jan. 18, 1984. A Continuing Study for the Future of the Ladies' Literary Club. Article XII Dissolution, as amended Jan. 18, 1984. (2 copies)
- Jan. 26, 1984. An Update to each member of LLC's Advisory Council of Presidents.
- Feb. 27, 1984. Ladies Literary Club Past Presidents Advisory Board. (3 pages?)
- Apr. 30, 1984. TO LLC's Advisory Council of Past Presidents from Evelyn R. Wisner. + the Minutes of the Apr. 9, 1984 LLC Past Presidents' Council.
- Dec. 12, 1984. LLC Advisory Council of Past Presidents.
- Jan. 18, 1985. Special Meeting. [Future of LCC & Building].
- July 11, 1985. Past Presidents Meeting.
- July 18, 1985. Letter to the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids from Ineg Wierengo, with numerous cc's, including John Logie.

Flyer. UICA. Writing Michigan, May 21, 2005. Conference.
Cosponsored by the LLC and the Humanities Council.

Items from Mary Seeger,

Ladies of the Club: GR's Three Sisters / by Kate Convissor. **Grand Rapids Magazine**, October 1993?

Untitled article, perhaps by Seeger, n.d. RE LLC History.
2006.054

Appendix. **Not Found in Collection & desired:**

Minutes.

Check to see if these are located elsewhere in the collection, in scrapbooks,
or mixed with the Board minutes, etc.

1914/1915

1930/31 to 1933/34

1935/36

1937/38

1939/40 to 1944/45

Any after this (check scrapbooks)

Appendix A
Source Code List for the Ladies Literary Club Index

R. Mayne
Feb. 5, 2008-May 2008

SC00001 Scrapbook of the History of Ladies' Literary Club in Grand Rapids, Mar. 1881-
Mar. 8, 1954 / Compiled by Library Staff. Formerly MKG374.23.G762

SC00002 Mrs. Perkins Scrapbook. [small maroon foldered]
1. Loose items include 1) Dedication of the D.A. Blodgett Home for Children, Nov. 28, 1908 Program. 2) Calling card for Mrs. Taft / White House.
2. 1873-1914 LLC 41st Anniversary Apr. 10(11, 1914 Program. + State Dinner, Nov. 14, 1906., with Mrs. Huntley Russell as toast mistress and Hon. Wm. Alden Smith as speaker.
3. Includes some small original sketches, including Mr. Pratts Cottage, Old Mission, Aug. 15, 1876. Not sure these are for GR

Local Art Circle clipping, Herald, talks about paintings purchased/owned by local resident. n.d., but opposite clipping is 1912.

SC00003 Ladies Literary Club of Grand Rapids. Scrap book v. 1, 1887-1915. This book presented to the LLC by Mrs. Cyrus E. Perkins. Clippings & ephemera. [large black]

SC00004 1916/17 [black "Ideal" scrapbook]

SC00005 1918/19 Compiled by Florence McCutchun, Club Historian. [black "Ideal" scrapbook]

SC00006 1920-1922 Florence McCutcheon McKee, historian. [Ladies' Literary Club History 1920 -1921]

SC00007 1923/24. Mostly clippings, in a regular black booklet with lined paper.

SC00008 1924/25. Mostly clippings.

SC00009 1925/26. Mostly clippings, some ephemera. String missing, covers loose.

SC00010 1926/27. RE LLC Historical pageant & roles, Sept. 25 1926. Centennial. Mostly clippings, some ephemera.

Appendix A. Source Code List for the Ladies Literary Club Index

- SC00011 1928/29. Almost all clippings.
- SC00012 1931/32 / Mrs. Joseph Renihan? Scrapbook has historical European illustration on cover.
- SC00013 1932/33 / Mrs. Collins H. Johnston, Historian. Clippings.
- SC00014 1933/34 / Mrs. Harry R. Wells, Historian. Clippings.
- SC00015 1934/35 / Mrs. D.A. Klumph, Historian.
Clippings, Correspondence, ephemera. Removed paper clips
- SC00016 1935/1936. Clippings.
- SC00017 1936/37. Mrs. Burton E. Smith, Historian, followed by ..1937/38. Mrs. Elizabeth Oakwood Wilson, Club Historian. (starts after 1936/1937). Mostly clippings throughout. Dale Carnegie in 1937/38 speakers.
- SC00018 1939/40 / Elizabeth Oakwood Wilson, Historian. Front cover has been removed, probably removed item(s).
- SC00019 1938/1939 / Elizabeth Oakwood Wilson.
- SC00020 1940/1941 / Elizabeth Oakwood Wilson. Mostly clippings, many loose or coming found. Put loose items from back in acid free folder; left others at the page where 2 loose ephemera to folder/box. Blank pages toward back.
- SC00021 1943-1944. Clippings. Blank pages toward back.
- SC00022 1944/1945 Dark green with red on cover. Clippings and literary Comments.
- SC00023 1945/1946. Clippings and Literary Comments.
- SC00024 1946/1947. Clippings (some loose) and ephemera. yearbook loose at front put in folder.
- SC00025 1947/1948. Has 1948 on cover. About 1/2 of sheets at back are blank. Clippings.
- SC00026 1948-1950. Clippings w a little ephemera.
Pulled Literary Comments

Appendix A. Source Code List for the Ladies Literary Club Index

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| SC00027 | 1956-1965. Oversized black scrapbook labeled on cover “Ladies Literary Club 1956-1957” |
| SC00028 | Green 1950-1952 scrapbook |
| SC00029 | Green 1966/67 to 1970 scrapbook |
| SC00030 | oversized 1970-1975 scrapbook |
| SC00031 | 1975-1980 Oversized scrapbook in brown binder. |