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Finding aid for the May G. Quigley collection of library related and family documents Collection 344

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title:	May G. Quigley collection of library related and family documents
ID:	Collection 344
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1924-1956
Date [bulk]:	1951-1956
Physical Description:	0.88 Linear Feet Three boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	May G. Quigley was the first children's librarian of the Grand Rapids Public Library. She was Chief of the Boys and Girls Department from 1904 to 1943 and inspired several Grand Rapids writers, including Newbery Medal winner Meindert DeJong. This collection documents her professional life and also includes some family or unidentified photographs.

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Biographical / Historical

Donor Frank J. Schulte was the nephew of May G. Quigley, and son-in-law of Quigley's sister Musetta. Other known family members including Quigley's other sister Mrs. Herbert L. Benjamin, a nephew Glenn H. Benjamin, and a niece, Ilona Schulte.

Mr. Schulte is said to have been a Personnel Director who established the Civil Service System in Grand Rapids. He is said to have also donated materials regarding the Civil Service to Grand Valley State College.

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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Frank J. Schulte, nephew of Miss Quigley, accession number 1985.021.

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Related Materials

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Coll. 109, Grand Rapids Public Library Administrative Archives, also include images and documents related to Quigley.

The May G. Quigley Collection of Children's Literature was transferred to the Mardigian Library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Library employees -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- Biography
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- personal papers
- Public libraries -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Grand Rapids Public Library (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Collection Inventory

Series I. Quigley Library Related materials.

Subseries A. Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Biographical & Reference materials.	Box 1
May G. Quigley Collection of Children's Literature, 1954, Yellow flyer RE the collection, 4 bookplates	Box 1
<u>Processing Information:</u>	
Processing Information	
This collection was deaccessioned from the Grand Rapids Public Library Holdings in 2000(?), and given to the University of Michigan at Dearborn. See the May G. Quigley Collection at the Mardigian Library. https://library.umd.umich.edu/bookplates/quigley.php	
Michigan Library Assoc. School & Children's Librarians Section. Spring Institute on Children Reading. Rowe Hotel, G.R. Flyer, 1952-05-02 - 1952-05-03	Box 1
Grand Rapids Public Library 50th Anniversary (Golden Anniversary) Celebration. 1904-1954. Invitation, 1954-10-05	Box 1
Grand Rapids Public Library 50th Anniversary (Golden Anniversary) Celebration. 1904-1954. Red buckram ribbon.	Box 1
Letter from Donald W. Kohlstedt. Announcing the recommendation of the establishment of the May G. Quigley Collection of Children's Literature to the Board. + envelop, 1954-11-13	Box 1
Michigan Library Association. Bio, and citation for MLA Honorary Membership.	Box 1
letter from Donald M. Oakes. City Manager. + envelop, 1955-10-31	Box 1
Souvenir Inaugural Poem, dedicated to Dwight David Eisenhower, Mar. 10, 1956. Vincent G. Burns. Authographed to May G. Quigley, 1956-03-10	Box 1
Correspondence unprocessed.	Box 1

Subseries B. Photos.

Title/Description	Instances
1. The Story Telling Hour in the Park, Miss Quigley telling them about "Blackberry Bear". Cherry St. Playground, G.R.	Box 1 Folder 1

2. Image of two boys from Fountain St. School with Quigley, used in GR Herald article, Oct. 26, 1955. See newspaper clippings, 1955-10-25	Box 1	Folder 1
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3. Group photo, 5 people standing, coats, but no snow, probably outside the Library.	Box 1	Folder 1
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General

5 people:

- 1 Unknown male
- 2 May Quigley
- 3 Unknown female
- 4 Samuel Ranck
- 5 Unknown female

4. May Quigley seated being handed a plate of cake by George Welsh. He also has a cup in his right hand. He has a rose on his lapel. Bookcases behind them, 1954-10-05	Box 1	Folder 1
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5. Douglas Boynton with May G. Quigley. 1904-1954, 50 years GRPL. This image used in Nov. 17, 1954 GR Press article. See clippings, 1954-11-16	Box 1	Folder 1
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Subseries C. Newspaper Clippings.

Processing Information:

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Box 2 contains six (6) unlabeled folders of unprocessed and newspaper clippings. 1985.021

Title/Description	Instances
Apr. 5. Will Address Meet on Arts : DeJong, top children's author, speaker here. GR Press	Box 2
Library Class and Instructors. [photo with caption only] GR Herald, 1924-08-31	Box 2

General

Inlcuded names:

- 1 June Barnes
- 2 Mildred Wheaton
- 3 Viola Thomson
- 4 May G. Quigley
- 5 Samuel H. Ranck
- 6 Mildred Dennison
- 7 Annie A. Pollard
- 8 Edna Chilson

Bible Stories for Children Work of Young Matron : Mrs. J. Harry Schoneberger ... GRH, 1925-12-06	Box 2
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Children's Books declared better in Form, Content : 27th Annual Conference on Juvenile Literature is Held Here. GRH, 1931-05-03 Box 2

General

Include photo "Period Gowns from 1860 to 1930" worns by the following

- 1 Gertrude Mulder
- 2 Mrs. Jaro Hess
- 3 May G. Quigley
- 4 Mrs. H. Arthur Bean

Holds Keys to Fairyland : Miss May G. Quigley, Children's Librarian, numbers friends by thousands because of the youngsters she has introduced into the enchanted realm of books. GRH (3 copies), 1932-01-03 Box 2

Miss Quigley to Help Pick Best Children's Book : G.R. Boys' and Girls' Librarian named to Newbery [sic Newberry] Award Committee. GRH (2 copies), 1933-11-01 Box 2

June 1938 "Meet the Demands of the New Education" Published image with caption, from unidentified publication. Taken at Straight Street School, Library Room, June 1938. May Quigley seated with three children standing. Center male identified as Earl Jasper, others unknown. Box 2

Chief Children's Librarian, Miss May G. Quigley, Plans to Retire from Library Post in Few Days. GRH (2 copies), 1943-01-29 Box 2

Miss May Quigley is Honor Guest at Luncheon Tuesday. Source unknown, 1943-02-03 Box 2

Lie Topsy, it "Growed". [Full page with 8 images, including formal portrait photo of May Quigley with book on her lap] GR Press, 1951-09-29 Box 2

General

1 copy with 1896 image "Time was when", that names:

- 1 Miss Adah C. Canfield
- 2 Miss Lucy Ball
- 3 Miss Ida Rosenberg
- 4 Miss Anna Besancon (later Mrs. William Cady)
- 5 Miss Katherine Smith (later Mrs. G. Voss)
- 6 Mrs. Bertha Towne
- 7 Miss Florence Chase
- 8 Waldo Ball
- 9 Miss Julia Elliott
- 10 Mrs. Florence Reynolds
- 11 Miss Elizabeth Steinman
- 12 Herbert Fairfield
- 13 Miss May G. Quigley
- 14 Miss Emma Knox (later Mrs. Herbert Fairfield)

15 Henry Robinson

Makes Music Live for Young : Ex-Librarian tells pupils Mozart story. GRP (3 full + 1 w/o image), 1952-09-26	Box 2
Shows books for Children : Library Aides Honor Veteran Worker. GRP, 1954-10-05	Box 2
Monument to Miss Quigley : child book collection, named for her, grows in library. GRP (5 – 1 original clipping sent to U.of Mich. Dearborn), 1954-11-17	Box 2
Women's Nagging Pays Dividends / by Elaine Clapp. GRH, 1955-03-26	Box 2
Children's Librarian to Receive High Award : May G. Quigley honored. Marguerite S. Kerns. GRH (3), 1955-10-26	Box 2
Honors for Story Teller [captioned image only] GRH (2) Showing Quigley standing holding a book with two boys from Fountain School, Raymond Olsen and James Zarafonetis, 1955-10-26	Box 2
More Than Books. GRH, 1955-10-26	Box 2

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Series II. Quigley Family Related or unidentified materials.

Obituary

Title/Description	Instances
Musetta G. Richmond Obit. GR Press, March 31, 1956. Sister of May G. Quigley and Mrs. Herbert L. Benjamin. Also included is a Bixby Office Supply Co. calendar with the date recorded.	Box Unknown

Photo postcards.

Title/Description	Instances
Memories of School Days. Union High, 1923-12-04	Box Unknown

Family & unidentified photos.

Title/Description	Instances
1. Frank J. Schulte. Sailor home on leave, seated at the rifle barrel from the Spanish Cruiser Santa Maria, sunk at Santiago Cuba in the Spanish American War, at that time in from of the GR Public Museum of Jefferson.	Box 1
2. Ilona Barth, Wife of Dr. Louis.	Box 1
3. Dr. Louis Barth	Box 1

4. Unidentified woman, outside portrait photo. She wears a dress with light colored strips, and a white(?) pin at the neck. (2 copies)	Box 1
5. Unidentified elderly woman, seated in a wicker child in a backyard landscape, with an infant on her lap. N.d.	Box 1
6. Two elderly women standing in front of a lilac (?) tree, unknown building in the background (4 copies of 2.5 x 1.78 in. photo)	Box 1
7. Toddler (girl?) seated in a folding lawn chair on a porch (3 copies of 2.5 x 1.78 in. photo)	Box 1
8. 6 sepia colored 2.5 x 1.78 in. photos, probably European travel views, including a windmill, a fields, boats & water, a village	Box 1

Negatives (3)

Title/Description	Instances
1. Blank	Box Unknown
2. Ducks at the entrance of a pen.	Box Unknown
3. A pump(?) of some other illegible construction with trellis constructions enclosing.	Box Unknown

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Series III. Quigley Associated Found items

Title/Description	Instances
American Humor : a study of the national character / by Constance Rourke. N.Y. : Harcourt, Brace, 1931. 00.[3163].1	Box 3

General

Inscribed: For May G. Quigley with very affectionate remembrances, Constance Rourke. 19 March, 1931

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Series IV. Quigley Book Collection Materials

Title/Description	Instances
2005 Exhibit & Collection Flyer. Items related to the May G. Quigley Collection of Children's Literature Deaccession to the Mardigian Library	Box 1

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