FORTNIGHTLY LITERARY BOOK CLUB
ADMINISTRATION, 1995-2015

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1995-2015


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RELATED HOLDINGS: Fortnightly Literary Book Club Collection, (M 0585)

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NOTES:
HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Fortnightly Literary Book Club was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1923 and charted in 1928. The idea for the club originated by Mrs. Ora Skelton Willet who had invited 26 other ladies to form a club where they met every two weeks. This later involved into monthly meetings where club member discussed works of fiction and books on art and music. It's membership has traditionally composed of active and retired educators, librarians, social workers, and businesswomen. As outlined in the club's constitution, the organization's purpose is to review and discuss new books, world problems, current events, and other subjects of cultural value.

In addition to literary pursuits and interests, the club has given contributions to organizations like the NAACP and the Alpha House. As the club has evolved over the years, the clubs interest in literature available including novels and historical works by European, American and African American authors.

The Fortnightly Literary Book Club is a membership only club, where a different club member hosts each meeting while another member is responsible for either doing a book review herself, or inviting a guest speaker. The club regularly meets throughout the school year during the months of October, November, December, March, April, and June.

In 2003, the Fortnightly Literary Book Club started giving book awards to graduating high school seniors. The club continues to operate in Indianapolis.

Sources:
Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

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90th Anniversary Celebration Program, 2013.


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