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Unit Date

1928-1968

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

Records--including meeting minutes and book lending cards--of the Thursday Book Club, organized by women residents (originally under the name Round Dozen Book Club) of Blacksburg, Virginia, in 1928.

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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Biographical / Historical

The Round Dozen Book Club was founded by women residents of Blacksburg, Virginia, on January 12, 1928. The club set forth its purpose in the minutes of its first meeting: "to try to derive some benefit from the meetings through interchange of thought, and discussion of current events and books." An informal organization, the club eventually settled on a schedule of meetings held on the second Thursday of each month, with the club year running from September to May. In 1932, the club voted to change its name to the Book Club; and in 1937, to the Thursday Book Club. The club maintained a membership of eight to fourteen members; among its earliest members were Mary Apperson, Charlotte Case, Nancy Elcan, Anna Ellett, Olivia Tutwiler Hill, Betty Hofmann, Jack Hoge, Ethlyne Hoilman, Julia Sanders, Peggy Taylor, Nina Waller, and Mildred Wingard. The Thursday Book Club continued to meet as late as 1968.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains records of the Thursday Book Club (originally the Round Dozen Book Club), organized by women residents of Blacksburg, Virginia, in 1928. The collection includes club meeting minutes from 1928 to 1943, providing brief summaries of the club's monthly meetings, including books and topics discussed and business conducted. Also in the collection are index cards (some dated between 1963 and 1968) listing the order in which books were lent among members and two newspaper clippings, including an article providing a history of the club's first 26 years.

Keywords

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