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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract

This collection contains issues of the Richmond Lesbian-Feminists Flyer dating from 1975-1996, as well as related news clippings, publications, and posters dealing with Richmond queer history and North American lesbian history.

source

Carter, Mary Dean

Creator

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Richmond Lesbian-Feminists

Extent

.5 Linear Feet

Repository

University of Richmond

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research with the exception of Folder 17: Early RLF Membership List.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

These materials were donated in 2025 by Mary Dean Carter.

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Biographical / Historical

In 1975, Beth Marschak (1951-2026), Mary Dean Carter, and a number of other women co-founded Richmond Lesbian-Feminists after attending a Virginia Women's Political Caucus Meeting, where Ms. Marschak led a workshop on Laws for Lesbian Legal Rights. Richmond Lesbian-Feminists (RLF) quickly founded their newsletter, the RLF Flyer, as a way to communicate about events, activism opportunities, and more. The Flyer began as a single page publication and expanded and evolved as time passed and technology advanced. By the 1990s the Flyer was word-processed and computerized. In 2025, Richmond Lesbian-Feminists celebrated their 50th anniversary--the information once in the Flyer now conveyed via social media.

Scope and Contents

The Richmond Lesbian-Feminists Flyers collection is comprised, in bulk, of the newsletter of the Richmond Lesbian-Feminists organization, which was called the Richmond Lesbian-Feminist Flyer. The collection also contains other printed material related to Richmond Lesbian-Feminists, and newsletters and other publications from related local and North American womens' and lesbian organizations. The bulk of the materials date from around 1975-1996, with a few items from 2015.

Related Materials

[Carter, Mary Dean - interviewed by Rose Norman, 2017 August 22](#), Southern Lesbian-Feminist Activist Herstory Project, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University.

[Beth Marschak Richmond lesbian activist collection, 1971-2004](#), Collection # M 601, Special Collections and Archives, James Branch Cabell Library, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

Keywords

Richmond (Va.) -- History -- 20th century

Richmond (Va.) -- Queer History

Lesbian community -- Virginia

Newsletter

Carter, Mary Dean

Arrangement

The newsletters are organized chronologically at the beginning of the collection, and the remaining related materials follow at the end.

Description of Subordinate Components

Early Flyers and RLF publicity material**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9621**Unit Date** 1975-1977**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Single-page Flyers****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9622**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Flyers****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9623**Unit Date** 1978-1979**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Flyers****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9624**Unit Date** 1980**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Flyers****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9625**Unit Date** 1981**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Flyers****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9626**Unit Date** 1982**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Flyers****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9627**Unit Date** 1983**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Flyers****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/9628**Unit Date** 1984**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)

Flyers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9629

Unit Date 1985-1988

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Flyers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9630

Unit Date 1990-1996

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Flyer Paste-up

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9631

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Virginia Women's Meeting

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9632

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Croning Ceremony - RLF 40th Anniversary

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9633

Unit Date 2015

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Photos

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9634

Unit Date undated

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Pins

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9635

Unit Date undated

Realia 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Recollections of RLF early days by Bobbi Weinstock

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9636

Unit Date undated

Text 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Early RLF membership list

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9637

Unit Date 1970s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Conditions Governing Access

The materials in this folder are restricted until 2035.

RLF event posters and clippings

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9638

Unit Date 1976-2015 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Women's Pages - YWCA/Richmond Women's Center newsletter

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9639

Unit Date 1974-1975

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Richmond Womensbooks materials

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9640

Unit Date 1981-1986 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Long Time Coming, Montreal, Vol. 2, No. 6

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9641

Unit Date May 1975

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Lesbian Connection, East Lansing, MI, Vol. IV, Iss. 5

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9642

Unit Date December 1978

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Materials from related local organizations

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9643

Unit Date 1974-1990 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)