



The Current Literature Club of Beloit, Wi., 1897-1988

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HISTORY

The Club first met on September 27, 1897 by invitation with Mrs. Barnes, Mrs Croft and Mrs Bort, proposing to organize a literary club to become familiar with the literature of the day. Meetings were held on every alternate Friday from three to five pm. They joined the Women's Federation Club of Wisconsin in 1897 and withdrew membership in May, 1926. A committee was appointed to select the books to be read, the first three months to be devoted to American Literature. The book chosen for the first meeting was Jarries Jane Allen's book, "Choir Invisible". Professors from Beloit College who were specialists in their subjects gave many interesting and instructive talks. The Club was very social, and philanthropic.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION

The collection covers the 100 year history of the Current Literature Club, Beloit, Wisconsin from its inception in 1887 to 1991, through a written history, Constitution and By-laws, Secretary Meeting Minutes and Yearbooks.

DESCRIPTION

Detailed description of items in the collection:

The Current Literature Club History, 1897-

The Current Literature Club, Constitution and By-laws, 1908-1986

The Current Literature Club, List of Books to be read for 1986-1987

15 Secretary's Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1897 to 1991

The Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 18

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

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- 1 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, History, 1897-
- 2 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Constitution & By-laws, 1908-1986
- 3 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Book Reading Lists, 1973, 1986
- 4 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1897-1900
- 5 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1901-1909
- 6 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1909-1913
- 7 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1914-1922
- 8 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1923 (poor condition)
- 9 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1925-1934
- 10 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1934-1948

Box 2

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- 1 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1947-1954
- 2 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1953-1958
- 3 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1959-1965
- 4 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1965-1971
- 5 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1971-1979
- 6 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1979-1985

Box 3

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- 1 Current Literature Club, 1897-2012, Meeting Minutes Notebook, 1985-1991
- 2 Current Literature Club, Yearbook, 1897
- 3 Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 1900-1909
- 4 Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 1910-1916
- 5 Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 1922-1929
- 6 Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 1930-1939
- 7 Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 1940-1949
- 8 Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 1950-1959
- 9 Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 1960-1969
- 10 Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 1970-1979
- 11 Current Literature Club, Yearbooks, 1980-1988