



The Readers Club Collection

c. 1923-2013

1389 textual documents, 10 photographs / 20 linear inches / 4 boxes

“The Readers,” an organization of Corona women, grew out of the nationally known Delphian Society. A chapter of the Delphian Society was formed on April 11, 1923 at the Women’s Improvement Club. The purpose of the Society was primarily educational and for the personal development of its members. On November 13, 1929, the group withdrew from the Delphian Society and the name of the Club was changed to “The Readers,” and the interest directed to the study of contemporary history, art, literature, poetry and ideas. Outside speakers were invited and a circulating library of new books was begun.

Mrs. T. C. Jameson was the first president of the Delphian Society and Mrs. Chester Gould, vice-president. Membership was twenty-three.

The Women’s Improvement Club and this group were early promoters of culture and arts in the community. They were responsible for the first Library, the Settlement House, the donation of playground equipment and even street cleanup in Corona. The materials provide an interesting commentary on the social, political and everyday life in the growing town of Corona.

This collection contains the minutes of the meetings, membership lists, attendance records, letters, lists of books purchased and read.

The minutes themselves give serendipitous insights to the life of the well-to-do in early Corona. The bank and treasurer’s records reflect an early twentieth century economy. The reading tastes and programs reveal life in the twenties and thirties and both world wars.

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Gifts of: Original donation, Oct. 19, 1940 from Jessamine Hampton, Additional donation of records 4/02/98 3 three-ring binders received from Dorothy Von Sothen. (Indications in minutes hint that the original donation was retrieved from the Heritage Room and updated and processed with later documents.) The 3rd donation was donated 9/24/2007 “The Readers,” from Secretary, Martha M. Mangan. The 4th donation was donated 05/31/2011 by Doris E. Oskso, Outgoing Secretary for “The Readers.” The 5th donation was made on 11/14/2013 by Marjorie C. Keith, Secretary.

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Location	Resource ID	Description	Item Type
Photograph Drawers	CLU-aaa-218a	4"x6" photograph of the 90th Anniversary of the Readers Club at Martha Cook's home on April 22, 2013. Front row: Mary Booher, Judy Hraback, Barbara Bucher, Char Killingsworth, Doris Osko, Margaret Taylor, Marti Mangan, Norma Kalter, Nancy Fay, Marjorie Keith. Back row: Unknown, Johanna Lemos, Unknown, Unknown, Jana Murray, Mary Winn, Trina Rhea, Lee Hansen.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-aaa-219a	4"x6" photograph of the 90th Anniversary of the Readers Club at Martha Cook's home on April 22, 2013. Left to right: Unknown woman in blue, Margaret Taylor, Trina Rhea, Doris Osko (foreground), Janna Murray, Judy Hraback.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-aaa-220a	4"x6" photograph of the 90th Anniversary of the Readers Club at Martha Cook's home on April 22, 2013. Left to right: Norma Kalter, Marti Mangan, Mary Winn, and Nancy Fay.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-aaa-221a	4"x6" photograph of the 90th Anniversary of the Readers Club at Martha Cook's home on April 22, 2013. Marti Mangan at the anniversary celebration.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-aaa-222a	4"x6" photograph of the 90th Anniversary of the Readers Club at Martha Cook's home on April 22, 2013. Left to right: Doris Osko, Janna Murray, Barbara Bucher.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-aaa-223a	4"x6" photograph of the 90th Anniversary of the Readers Club at Martha Cook's home on April 22, 2013. Left to right: Unknown person, Marjorie Keith, Margaret Taylor, and Doris Osko.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-aaa-224a	4"x6" photograph of the 90th Anniversary of the Readers Club at Martha Cook's home on April 22, 2013. Left to right: Mary Winn, Judy Hraback, Jana Murray (blue shirt), Char Killingsworth, and Mary Booher (seated).	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-aaa-225a	4"x6" photograph of the 90th Anniversary of the Readers Club at Martha Cook's home on April 22, 2013. Left to right: Norma Kalter, Char Killingsworth, and Lee Hansen.	Photograph
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Photograph Drawers	CLU-aaa-227a	5"x7" photograph of The Readers: 2010-11, taken on March 28, 2011. Front row, seated, left to right: Jana Murray, Lola Avery, Marjorie Keith. Middle row: Char Killingsworth, Martha Pittier, Judy Hraback, Doris Osko. Last row, standing: Johanna Lemos, Marti Mangan, Norma Kalter, Mary Booher, Barbara Bucher, Trina Rhea, Nancy Fay. Missing: Lee Hansen, Margaret Taylor, Pat Stanley.	Photograph