

University Hill Book Club
An Inventory of its records
in the Library of the Univerisity of British Columbia
Special Collections Division

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Introduction

The University Hill book Club was organized in June of 1939 by women who lived in the then-remote University Endowment Lands area. Cut off from most public transport and curbed by gasoline rationing, they chose to organise a book club wherby members would pay for a selection of books through membership fees, which would then be circulated on a rotating basis. The original members determined that there would be twenty members, but the club for many years maintained a membership of twenty-six, which was the maximum number possible on their two-week annual rotation system. Members would draw lots at each annual meeting to determine the distribution of both old books (one per member) and new ones to start the initial circulation. One member, Mrs. H.G. Warren, was a member of the club for its entire duration. Increased population and available transportation in the area and a larger number of libraries saw a decrease in membership by the 1980's, and the group chose to disband, doing so officially on January 7, 1985.

1-1 BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

A Summary of book club's historic highlights.

1-2 CORRESPONDENCE

- Letters written to and from members of the club, 1961-85.
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1-(3-4) MINUTES

- Minutes of annual club meetings, 1946-1984.

1-(5-6) MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of meetings and reading lists, 1948-84.

FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Treasurer's reports and purchase receipts, 1948-83.