



## **The Readers (Columbia, Mo.) Papers (C3638)**

**Collection Number:** C3638

**Collection Title:** The Readers (Columbia, Mo.) Papers

**Dates:** 1925-2012

**Creator:** The Readers (Columbia, Mo.)

**Abstract:** The origins, history, minutes, and memorials of The Readers, a Columbia, Missouri, club for women started in 1925. The club's emphasis is the reading and discussion of books. Profiles of women from this club give a useful comment on the concerns of educated women in the early twentieth century.

**Collection Size:** 0.8 cubic feet  
(23 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at [columbia@shsmo.org](mailto:columbia@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

**Restrictions on Use:** The donor has relinquished their rights in the collection and authorized their release to the public domain.

**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *The Readers (Columbia, Mo.) Papers* (C3638); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Columbia].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Ebbie Hart on behalf of The Readers on February 14, 1979 (Accession No. CA2218). Additional material was donated by multiple members of The Readers organization between 1981-2014 (Accession Nos. CA2377, CA2467, CA2837, CA3016, CA3167, and CA5804).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to The Readers (Columbia, Mo.) Papers can be found in the following collection:

[\*The Readers \(Columbia, Mo.\) Papers\*, \(CA6651\)](#)

**Processed by:** Processed by Lisa Carlson, December 21, 1979. Addition processed by John Konzal, February 24, 2017. Finding aid revised by Nicholas Raya, January 23, 2023.

**Historical Note:**

The Readers was organized in 1925 and is a women's book club located in Columbia, Missouri.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged chronologically by type of material.

**Scope and Content Note:**

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**Container List:**

- f. 1-3            Origin and History. Papers concerning the origin and history of The Readers. Includes such items as the original constitution and charter members, lists of past presidents, and brief histories written by some of the older members of the present organization.
  - f. 1            The original constitution and by-laws. Also three poems written by members, containing items of historical note.
  - f. 2            Notes and a lecture given in April 1978 on the history of The Readers, with biographical sketches of its church members.
  - f. 3            Notebook containing the succession of presidents from 1926 to 1979, and membership list from the charter members to 11 October 1976.
- f. 4            Books Reviewed and Discussed. Lists of books suggested for reading, along with listings of books that were actually reviewed by the club.
- f. 5            Membership, 1925-2005
- f. 5a-18       Minutes. Minutes of the meetings, information on members present and absent, changes in the constitution, and admission of new members. Notes were also taken on the reviews of the books that were given, and the discussions that followed.
  - f. 5a           Minutes, 7 December 1925-21 December 1931
  - f. 5b Minutes/Book Reviews, 1925-1989
  - f. 6            Minutes, 4 January 1932-16 December 1935
  - f. 7            Minutes, 6 January 1936-20 May 1940
  - f. 8            Minutes, 30 September 1940-5 May 1947
  - f. 9            Minutes, 6 October 1947-8 December 1952
  - f. 10          Minutes, 12 January 1953-8 December 1955
  - f. 11          Minutes, 12 January 1953-28 April 1970
  - f. 11a         Minutes/Book Reviews, 1966-1996
  - f. 12          Minutes, 12 October 1970-2 May 1977
  - f. 13          Minutes/Book Reviews, 1978-1987

- f. 14 Minutes/Book Reviews, 1996-1997
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