



## **Hazel Call Page Papers (K0097)**

**Collection Number:** K0097

**Collection Title:** Hazel Call Page Papers

**Dates:** 1938-1981

**Creator:** Page, Hazel Call, 1897-1991

**Abstract:** This collection includes a variety of records detailing the development and administration of the Work Projects Administration (WPA) Statewide Library Project in Missouri, of which Hazel Call Page was State Library Supervisor. It also contains the manuscript and finished copy of the book Page later wrote about the project, as well as research materials used for it.

**Collection Size:** 0.15 cubic feet  
(11 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-Kansas City](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-kansas-city). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Hazel Call Page Papers* (K0097); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Hazel Call Page on November 2, 1982 (Accession No. KA0184).

**Processed by:** Processed by intern Hallie Allan, April 2023

**Historical Note:**

Hazel Call Page was born in 1897 in Sullivan County, Missouri. In 1922, she graduated from the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville, Missouri, with a bachelor's degree in education, then performed graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Denver, earning a master's degree in library science from the latter in 1928.

Her teaching career was spent in rural schools in Missouri, as well as high schools in Missouri, Illinois, and Nevada, teaching English and journalism. She also worked in public libraries and school libraries in Missouri and Colorado before becoming State Library Supervisor of the WPA's Statewide Library Project in Missouri. Following this, she worked in various positions for the American Red Cross from the mid-1940s to 1963. She finally became a librarian for Peculiar High School in Peculiar, Missouri, working in that position until her retirement in 1968. After retirement, she continued to serve as a tutor and substitute teacher.

At the time of the publication of her book in 1981, *Early Library Development in Missouri – 1938-1943*, she was living in Kansas City, Missouri. Soon after, she moved to Santa Rosa, California. She died in Visalia, California, on November 1, 1991.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged by material type, then by date.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The material in this collection is a mix of originals and copies.

Collection correspondence consists mainly of letters about efforts undertaken for the Statewide Library Project in Missouri, as well as a few letters to Page regarding her manuscript about the project.

The reports folder contains details of efforts to implement library systems in various parts of Missouri, including bookmobile service, and progression of these efforts; more detailed reports of demonstration projects in Lafayette, Platte, and Shannon Counties; and details regarding implementation and progress of a library national defense project in Laclede, Phelps, and Pulaski Counties, in the vicinity of Fort Wood.

The county library system guidelines folder consists of how to set up and administer a library system, library administration, and library board, selection and management of collections, tax information, best practices for bookmobile service, and advantages of a county library system.

The library worker training materials encompasses in-service training materials regarding the history of libraries, library ethics and worker qualifications and conduct, library arrangement, cataloging, circulation, collection development and management, reader's advisory, reference, and outreach. Also included are information on the establishment of the training program and guidelines for training administrators.

The events folder consists of materials about meetings, conferences, and other events spotlighting the efforts of Page and others on the Statewide Library Service, including the demonstration of library and bookmobile service in Lafayette County in 1940.

The manuscript folder contains much of the manuscript Page wrote about the Statewide Library Project. Much of the material was photocopied duplicates of select materials located in previous folders and was thus removed. The complete version of the book is located in folder 10.

Newspaper clippings consist of photocopies of articles detailing library project efforts published in the *Missouri Ledger*, *Odessa Democrat*, *Higginsville Advance*, *Higginsville Jeffersonian*, *Lexington Advertiser-News*, and *Kansas City Star*, from May 1939 to May 1940. These clippings were used by Page during research for her book.

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