



## ***Real Women* Newsletters Collection (S0116)**

**Collection Number:** S0116

**Collection Title:** Real Women Newsletters Collection

**Dates:** 1971

**Creator:** Women's Center

**Abstract:** This collection contains three newsletters issued in April, Spring, and Summer 1971 titled *Real Women: Women's Liberation Newsletter for St. Louis*. Published by the Women's Center, located at the Young Women's Christian Association of Metro St. Louis' then headquarters at 1411 Locust Street in Downtown St. Louis, the newsletter focused on childcare, education, and equal working conditions for men and women.

**Collection Size:** 0.01 cubic foot  
(1 folder)

**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-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [stlouis@shsmo.org](mailto:stlouis@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by a representative of Real Women on May 14, 1976 (Accession No. SA0844).

**Processed by:** Processed by AJ Medlock and Joellen McDonald, July 2021

**Historical Note:**

In April 1971, a group of St. Louis-area women established the Women's Center to provide St. Louis area women with the opportunity to create an institution that served their needs, including providing childcare and self-defense services. The group operated the Women's Center at the Young Women's Christian Association of Metropolitan St. Louis' 1411 Locust Street headquarters and published a newsletter, *Real Women: A Women's Liberation Newsletter for St. Louis*. The newsletter advertised the Women's Center's services and featured stories about abortion, welfare, and equal pay. During the Women's Center's short existence, the group offered various services, including "Rap Groups" for women interested in discussing their experiences; a Speaker's Bureau providing lectures about Women's Liberation to groups; a babysitting service for mothers; and self-defense courses. The Women's Center planned on offering these resources to their clients six days a week on a varying schedule. The Women's Center and the newsletter folded sometime in the summer of 1971.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged chronologically into one folder.

**Scope and Content:**

The collection consists of three issues of *Real Women: A Women's Liberation Newsletter for St. Louis*, featuring stories about abortion and welfare mothers, a cartoon contrasting women's oppression and Women's Liberation, and a news update about women employees at Baden Bank going on strike over unequal pay and poor working conditions. Other subjects of interest include a diary account of a woman who left a Catholic convent and her faith and a column titled *Clothesline* that listed available services (self-defense courses and child care) for clients at the Women's Center and in the St. Louis area. The materials in this collection are arranged chronologically and date from April to Summer 1971.

**Container List:**

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**Index:**

Index Term	Folder
Childcare--Missouri--Saint Louis	1
Feminism--Missouri--Saint Louis	1
Office and Employees International Union. Local 313	1
Strikes and lockouts--Missouri--Saint Louis	1
Women's rights--Missouri--Saint Louis	1
Women--Employment--Missouri--Saint Louis	1
Women--Missouri--Saint Louis	1
Women--Social conditions	1
Young Women's Christian Association (Saint Louis, Mo.)	1

