

WOMEN'S STUDY CLUBS COLLECTION

A Guide to the Collection

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Unknown.
- Title:** Women's Study Clubs Collection.
- Dates:** 1905-1958.
- Abstract:** Records of these women's clubs of Glens Falls, New York, are gathered under the collective title, Women's Study Clubs. All these women's clubs met monthly to consider topics of cultural interest, such as literature, art, history, travel, geography, and current events. The names of the clubs were: Monday Reading Club, Monday Study Club, Study Club, Study Hour Club, Travelers' Club, Tuesday Club, and Tuesday Art Club.
- Quantity:** 0.4 cubic feet (1 box)
- Identification Number:** Archives and Manuscripts: Organizations

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

This group of women's clubs in Glens Falls, New York, has been brought together under the collective title, Women's Study Clubs. Each of the clubs was composed of women and met monthly to consider topics of cultural interest. While there is not evidence that these clubs were formally linked into an association, their structure is similar. Each club met monthly, and there was usually an overall theme for the year's programs. It is possible that Crandall Library had a role in coordinating or organizing these clubs. J. Thatcher Sears, Librarian of Crandall Public Library from 1938-1958, conducted the Study Club, along with his wife Katharine.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The format of the records is similar for all the clubs in the Women's Study Clubs Collection. There is an annual printed pamphlet or leaflet (for some clubs this appeared in mimeographed form) that listed the monthly programs of the club for the year. Often the leaders of the programs are listed, along with the hostesses, officers of the club, and in some instances a list of members is provided. General areas of interest for the clubs were literature, art, history, travel, geography, and current events. Most clubs would concentrate on one of these areas. The names of the clubs and dates of their records were: Monday Reading Club, 1914-1932; Monday Study Club, 1932-1938; Study Club, 1918-1958; Study Hour Club, 1932; Travelers' Club, 1906-1917; Tuesday Club, 1905-1925; Tuesday Art Club, 1926-1943.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Women—New York (State)—Glens Falls—Societies and clubs—History.

Women—Education—New York (State)—Glens Falls—History.

Places: Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Sources.

Glens Falls (N.Y.)—Intellectual life—History.

Organizations: Crandall Public Library (Glens Falls, N.Y.)

Monday Reading Club (Glens Falls, N.Y.)

Monday Study Club (Glens Falls, N.Y.)

Study Club (Glens Falls, N.Y.)

Study Hour Club (Glens Falls, N.Y.)

Travelers' Club (Glens Falls, N.Y.)

Tuesday Club (Glens Falls, N.Y.)

Tuesday Art Club (Glens Falls, N.Y.)

Important People: Sears, J. Thatcher.

Sears, Katharine B.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation: Women's Study Clubs Collection,
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

Accession Information:

Processing Information: Arranged and described by Albert W. Fowler.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Monday Reading Club

The Monday Reading Club was organized in 1905. The records consist of an annual pamphlet that lists the officers, committees, members, monthly programs (readings and papers), and hostesses for the programs

Monday Reading Club, 1914-1932. (2 folders)

Monday Study Club

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Monday Study Club, 1932-1938. (1 folder)

Study Club

For many years the Study Club was conducted by J. Thatcher Sears, with his wife, Katharine B. Sears, playing a major role in organizing the Club. In the early years the focus was literature and history, but by 1929 the emphasis was on current events, with many of the talks given by J. Thatcher Sears.

Folder containing programs, lists of meetings, and a newspaper clipping describing the history of the Study Club, 1921-1945.

Notebook, containing programs, schedule of meetings, membership lists, and some correspondence, 1918-1958.

Study Hour Club

Program for the year 1932, listing the leader and topic for each month. Topics included history, biography, travel, and literature. (1 folder)

Travelers' Club

Program of meetings, 1906-1910, 1915-1916, 1916-1917. Each year a different country would be considered. Topics for each month are listed, but no information on leaders, membership, or hostesses is provided. (1 folder)

C.E. Fanning. *Russia: History and Travel*. New York: H.W. Wilson, 1917.

Tuesday Club

Programs for the year, 1905-1925. Annual program leaflets provide information on topics of monthly programs, leaders, hostesses, and at the end of each leaflet the officers for the year are listed. Annual themes pertained to art until 1918-1919 when a shift was made to a geography focus. (1 folder)

Tuesday Art Club

Annual programs for 1926-1943. Each small pamphlet provides information monthly programs, leaders, and also the officers for the year are listed. (1 folder)

Live Programs for Women's Clubs Today and Tomorrow, published by the Division of Adult Education and Library Extension of the New York State Education Department, n.d.

Monday Study Club

Records, 1914-1938. (Archives #10)

(Organized in 1905 it was called Monday Reading Club until 1932)

3 Folders containing annual handbooks listing programs, members, officers, and committees.

Accession Number: 0000-013

Study Club (Current Events)

Records, 1918-1958. (Archives #11)

1 Folder, 1921-1945,

Accession Number: 0000-014

Study Hour Club

Records, 1932. (Archives #12)

Program, 1932.

Accession Number: 0000-015

Women's Study Clubs, Glens Falls 1905-1958 (Continued)

Accession Number: 0000-016

Tuesday Art Club

Records, 1905-1943. (Archives #14)

(It was called the Tuesday Club until 1926)

2 Folders containing program listings and officers.

Accession Number: 0000-017

Related material:

New York State Education Department. Division of Adult Education and Library Extension

Women's Study Clubs

**Monday Study Club, 1914-1938.
Study Club (Current Events), 1918-1958.
Study Hour Club, 1932.
Travelers' Club, 1908-1917.
Tuesday Art Club, 1905-1943.**

1 Box

ARCHIVES 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14

1 Box (unprocessed collections)

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(Unprocessed collection)

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