

**Roanoke Public Libraries  
Virginia Room  
Fortnightly Club Records Collection**

**Collection Description:**

**Repository:** Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

**Accession Number:** 2011.01.13

**Title:** Fortnightly Club Records Collection

**Physical Characteristics:** 2 record storage boxes

**Donated by:** Original accession by Audrey Vaughn, accruals expected

**Arrangement:** Documents arranged alphabetically by document type with bound minute books thereafter.

**Creator:** Fortnightly Club

**Reproduction Restrictions:** No known restrictions on publication. Virginia Room copy fees apply.

**Processor:** Dyron Knick, 13 November 2018

**Historical Note:**

On February 7, 1913, a group of ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. R. Frank Taylor to formulate plans for the organization of a literary club. Here, the club was organized as the Fortnightly Culture Club of Roanoke. Its purpose was to be mutual benefit and broader culture. The charter members were: Mrs. R. F. Taylor, Mrs. Z.V. White, Mrs. W.H. Muse, Mrs. Brooks Marmon, Mrs. D.E. Argenbright, and C.P. Davis.

The first officers were: President, Mrs. Brooks Marmon; Vice President, Mrs. D.E. Argenbright; Secretary, Mrs. Z.V. White; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Frank Taylor.

The membership of the club was limited to twenty members with meetings held from September to May.

In January 1914, the club became part of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs. In the fall of 1918, the word 'culture' was eliminated from the club name. During the period of World War I, the attention of the club was turned to the affairs of the Nation, and in response to public appeal, members took part in Red Cross work, supported a French orphan, and devoted to the study of thrift. The study of Fine Arts was resumed after the war.

The Fortnightly Club is still active in its pursuit of arts and culture. An annual donation is made by members of the club to the Good Neighbors Fund.

**Scope and Content:**

The Fortnightly Club Records Collection consists of two record storage boxes of material from the club's beginning in 1913. Items include nearly complete runs of yearbooks; scrapbooks containing news clippings, photographs, programs, and items related to other area women's organizations; meeting minutes, correspondence, and material from member-led programs. Due to its condition the scrapbook containing club materials from 1969 through 1974 was photocopied in its original order and placed in folders and where possible, original documents were removed. Loose photographs were located in the back cover of the scrapbook containing club materials from 1988-2018. These photos were sleeved and placed in a separate folder with a note indicating their original location. Future accruals will be processed as addenda.

## **Container List:**

### **Box 1**

- Folder 1: Club rules with list of gifts to public library through 1965
- Folder 2: Correspondence
- Folder 3: Minute Books – loose items from 1969-1985 minute book
- Folder 4: News clippings – miscellaneous
- Folder 5: Photographs – loose photos found in the back cover of scrapbook containing club materials from 1988-2018
- Folder 6: Programs – “Women in the American Revolution” by Audrey Vaughn, undated
- Folder 7: Programs – “Meriwether Lewis” by Audrey Vaughn, undated
- Folder 8: Programs – “Samuel Langhorne Clemens” by Audrey Vaughn, 13 October 2006
- Folder 9: Programs – “Everyday Life of Women during the Civil War” by Audrey Vaughn, undated
- Folder 10: Programs – “Heritage of Womankind” by Mary French Boswell, undated
- Folder 11: Programs – “The Moravians” by Mary French Boswell, undated
- Folder 12: Programs – “The Mayas” by Mary French Boswell, undated
- Folder 13: Programs – “Serendipitous Modernity” by Winifred Cushing, 11 September 1992
- Folder 14: Scrapbooks – 1969-1974, pages 1-62
- Folder 15: Scrapbooks – 1969-1974, pages 63-124
- Folder 16: Yearbooks – 1913-1925
- Folder 17: Yearbooks – 1925-1933
- Folder 18: Yearbooks – 1933-1944
- Folder 19: Yearbooks – 1944-1957, missing 1957-1958 issue
- Folder 20: Yearbooks – 1958-1971
- Folder 21: Yearbooks – 1971-1987, missing 1978-1979 and 1987-1988 issues
- Folder 22: Yearbooks – 1988-2008, missing 1990-1991, 1992-1993, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, and 2003-2004 issues
- Folder 23: Yearbooks – 2008-present, missing 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 issues

#### Minute Books

- October 1961 – January 1921
- January 1921 – May 1922
- September 1956 – May 1969
- September 1969 – May 1985
- September 1985 – May 1999

### **Box 2**

#### Scrapbooks

- 1974 – 1988
- 1988 – 2018

