## Roanoke Public Libraries Virginia Room Daleth Study Club Collection

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## **Historical Note:**

The Daleth Study Club was a women's educational organization, or study club, founded in Roanoke in 1930 as a chapter of the national Delphian Society (one of at least four Delphian chapters in Roanoke); there were 31 charter members. The purpose of the society in its early years was higher education, personal improvement, and social progress, and in the process improving their ability to learn and share information. In 1936 the group decided to end its affiliation with the Delphian Society, but continued as the Daleth Study Club, with similar goals, but fewer restrictions; particularly, the group desired having outside speakers at their meetings. The group studied a wide range of historical, social, and cultural topics, at local, national and international levels. Its members were also active in many other local women's organizations.

## **Scope and Content:**

The collection consists of meeting minutes, chapter yearbooks, additional club records, and some correspondence received. Meeting minutes begin with the club's founding in 1930 and continue through 1972, only missing the club years 1936-37 and 1937-38 (the club year ran Sept. through May). Treasurer records are available from 1947-1970. Folder one contains a club history that documents the founding and early years of the organization. Subsequent histories (through 1941 and for club years ending in 1972, 1975, 1980, 1981, and 1982) summarize the year's events and programs. Club yearbooks are available for most years during the 1930s and 1940s and a few years during the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. Correspondence received is limited to a few items from 1959-60 and 1969-72.

## **Container List:**

Box 1 of 1 Minute Book, Daleth Delphinian Chapter (1930-35) Treasurer's Book, Daleth Study Club (1947-1970)

- Folder 1: Club Histories, 1930-1941
- Folder 2: Meeting Minutes, 1935-1936
- Folder 3: Meeting Minutes, 1938-1939
- Folder 4: Meeting Minutes, 1939-1953
- Folder 5: Meeting Minutes, 1953-1957
- Folder 6: Meeting Minutes, 1957-1968
- Folder 7: Meeting Minutes, 1968-1970
- Folder 8: Meeting Minutes, 1970-1972
- Folder 9: Correspondence Received, 1959-1960
- Folder 10: Correspondence Received, 1969-1972
- Folder 11: Historian Reports—1971-72; 1974-75; 1979-80; 1980-81; 1981-82
- Folder 12: Program on Cape Kennedy by Mrs. Fred Schrantz, Oct. 16, 1974
- Folder 13: Treasurer & Nominating Committee Reports, 1976
- Folder 14: Yearbooks—1936-37 through 1941-42; 1945-46; 1960-61; 1968-69 through 1971-72; 1973-74 through 1976-77; and 1979-80 through 1981-82