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## AMERICAN LITERATURE CLUB COLLECTION

### INTRODUCTION

Organized in November 1909 as a women's study club, the first formal meeting of the American Literature Club was held 6 January 1910; ALC has remained a continuously active local organization to the present. In addition to "developing the intellectual and social culture of its members" as stated in the ALC constitution, the club has also contributed to a number of local and national causes.

The collection, to date, has been deposited in the Tippecanoe County Historical Association in four increments and carries the following accession numbers: 6236, 83.167, 86.132, 95.077, 2001.015, 2016.68, and 2016.73.

Included in the collection are minutes from 6 January 1910 through 13 May 1982 and a nearly complete series of yearly program booklets from 1911-12 to 1986-87. (The program for 1917-18 is missing from the series.)

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

4 Hollinger document boxes (5")  
2 Hollinger document boxes (2.5")

### CONTAINER LIST

#### ADMINISTRATIVE, 1910-19\_\_

Note: Boxes 1 and 2 contain minutes of ALC meetings from 1910 to 1982. The minutes are written in ledger books and on notebook pages stored in file folders; the minutes include Secretary-Treasurer's reports, attendance rolls, newsclippings, and some letters and invoices. Minutes for the years 1950-51 through 1967-68 have varying degrees of water damage.

#### BOX 1

##### FOLDER

1 Minutes book. 6 January 1910 to 11 January 1912. Includes Constitution and by-laws of ALC.

2 Minutes book. 8 February 1912 to 2 December 1915. Yearly program booklets pasted in volume: 1913-14 and 1914-15.

3 Minutes book. 13 January 1916 to 29 April 1926. Yearly program booklet pasted in volume: 1919-20. Also Constitution and by-laws.

ITEM A

Minutes book. 23 September 1926 to 23 May 1935. Yearly program booklets pasted in volume: 1926-27, 1927-28, 1928-29, and 1929-30.

FOLDER

4 Minutes. 26 September 1935 to 28 May 1937. Includes various copies of "For New Members of American Literature Club."

ITEM B

Minutes book. 23 September 1937 to 6 July 1950. Includes list of club officers, 1909-10 to 1948-49; also Constitution and by-laws (13 May 1948 revision).

BOX 2

FOLDER

5 Minutes. 28 September 1950 to 10 May 1951. Includes Constitution and by-laws, n.d.

6 Minutes. 27 September [1951] to 8 May [1952]

7 Minutes. 25 September 1952 to 14 May 1953.

8 Minutes. 24 September 1953 to 13 May 1954.

9 Minutes. 23 September 1954 to 12 May 1955.

10 Minutes. 29 September 1955 to 10 May 1956.

11 Minutes. 28 September 1956 to 12 May 1957.

12 Minutes. 26 September 1957 to 22 May 1958.

13 Minutes. 25 September 1958 to 14 May 1959.

14 Minutes. 24 September 1959 to 12 May 1960.

15 Minutes. 22 September [1960] to 11 May 1961.

16 Minutes. 28 September [1961] to 10 May [1962]

17 Minutes. 27 September 1962 to 9 May 1963.  
18 Minutes. 26 September 1963 to 21 May 1964.  
19 Minutes. 24 September 1964 to 13 May 1965.  
20 Minutes. 23 September 1965 to 12 May 1966.  
21 Minutes. 22 September 1966 to 11 May 1967.  
22 Minutes. 28 September 1967 to 9 May 1968.  
23 Minutes. 26 September 1968 to 8 May 1969.  
24 Minutes. 25 September 1969 to 14 May 1970.  
25 Minutes. 24 September [1970] to 13 May 1971.  
26 Minutes. 23 September 1971 to 11 May 1972.  
27 Minutes. 14 September 1972 to 26 April 1973.  
28 Minutes. 13 September 1973 to 25 April 1974.  
29 Minutes. 12 September 1974 to 8 May 1975.  
30 Minutes. 11 September 1975 to 13 May 1976.  
31 Minutes. 9 September 1976 to 12 May 1977.  
32 Minutes. 8 September 1977 to 11 May 1978.  
33 Minutes. 14 September 1978 to 10 May 1979.  
34 Minutes. 13 September 1979 to 8 May 1980.  
35 Minutes. 11 September [1980] to 14 May 1981.  
36 Minutes. 10 September 1981 to 13 May 1982.

BOX 3

FOLDER

1 Yearly program booklets. 1911-12 to 1920-21. (1917-18 is missing.)

2. Yearly program booklets. 1921-22 to 1925-26.
- 3 Yearly program booklets. 1926-27 to 1932-33.
- 4 Yearly program booklets. 1933-34 to 1940-41.
- 5 Yearly program booklets. 1941-42 to 1949-50.
- 6 Yearly program booklets. 1950-51 to 1958-59.
- 7 Yearly program booklets. 1959-60 to 1968-69.
- 8 Yearly program booklets. 1969-70 to 1974-75.
- 9 Yearly program booklets. 1975-76 to 1981-82.
- 10 Yearly program booklets. 1982-83 to 1986-87.
- 11 Yearly program booklets. 1989-1990 to 2001- 2002.

#### BOX 4

#### FOLDER

- 1 Constitution and by-laws, various revisions ca. 1913, 1924, 1955, 1960. Also copies of "For New Members of the American Literature Club."
- 2 Letters (letters also included with minutes). Includes acknowledgement letters, cards from local organizations for ALC contributions. Also letters from Catherine Porter and Harriet Lydia Knox, ALC charter members. Also letters from W. C. Immel with copy of story delivered by Charles Philo Matthews, Purdue EE Dept., at Eliza Fowler Hall convocation in 1907.
- 3 Club histories. Written in 1929, 1934, 1976, and 1985.
- 4 Notes extracted from minutes for 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary history by Marjorie Schaeve.
- 5 Program, 75 anniversary guest luncheon, 8 November 1984. Napkins, 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting, 24 January 1985. (See Folder 13 for club histories presented 24 January 1985.)
- 6 Miscellaneous. Includes newsclippings, 1934-35 and undated; also ALC stationery.
- 7 Constitution of the American Literature Club, revised March 27, 1997. From Accession 2001.015.
- 8 Minutes and Membership Lists, 1991-1992 to 1993-1994.

- 9 Membership Lists and Minutes 1994-1995 to 1995-1996.
- 10 Membership Lists and Minutes 1996-1997 to 1997-1998.
- 11 Membership Lists and Minutes 1998-1999 to 1999-2000.
- 12 Three books of verse and thee plays, 1903-1999
- 13 Roll calls and officer lists, 2000-2016
- 14 Constitution and By-Laws, 1989-2008
- 15 Minutes, 2000-2014
- 16 Program books, 2002-2016

#### BOX 5

##### FOLDER

- 1 Meeting agendas and notes, 1974-2013
- 2 Memorials to and about members, including plaque, 2010-2016
- 3 Donation records to visiting nurse fund and other funds, 1988-2003

#### BOX 6

##### FOLDER

##### W.C. Immel papers

- 1 Three Christmas Reports to the American Literature Club by W.C. Immel, 1966-1969
- 2 Immel's poems, short stories, and published book of reflections, 1966-1974
- 3 Thank you note and obituary, 1965-1975
- 4 Unidentified fashion show photographs and correspondence about collection, 2002-2016

#### PEOPLE

Porter, Catherine  
Knox, Harriet Lydia  
Immel, Grace K.  
Immel, Woodson C.  
Schaeve, Marjorie  
Matthews, Charles Philo

#### CLASSIFICATION

Organizations/ Civic  
Organizations/Cultural

#### SUBJECTS

Clubs  
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#### SEARCH TERMS

American Literature Club

Notes: