

Bookwomen of McHenry County Records
1989-2016

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Administrative History

The Bookwomen of McHenry County was founded in 1989 through a Community Education class at McHenry County College. Originally, the class of eight women met to discuss novels written by female authors bi-weekly from March through May of 1989. The class continued informally throughout that summer at participants' homes. By 1990, the enrollees of the class expressed an interest in formalizing a summer course for participants; however, McHenry County College was unable to grant this request. Subsequently, the women chose to meet independently of the college from that point on.

Sessions re-convened the summer of 1990, meeting monthly in members' homes and local restaurants. In 1991, the group was renamed "Bookwomen" to mirror their division from the university. Starting in 1991, the Bookwomen decided to incorporate one male author into their reading list per year, causing disagreement among some members. The Bookwomen of McHenry County continue to meet regularly.

Scope and Content

The Bookwomen of McHenry County Records consists of materials related to the history and activities of the group's meetings from 1989-2012. Records contain brief histories of the group's founding and history as well as bibliographies specifying the works assigned for each month and where the meetings occurred.

Series 1: Organizational Materials, 1989-2016. Box 1, includes historical sketches and chronological bibliographies of assigned readings, who facilitated discussion each session, and when meetings occurred.

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