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**Inventory of the
Book Lovers' Club, 1927 - 1969**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Book Lovers' Club,
Dates:	1927 - 1969
Creator:	Book Lovers' Club.
Abstract:	<p>The Book Lover's Club of Charleston was founded in 1927 by African-American Women as a literary club with a purpose of establishing a high literary culture among its members as well as social improvement for Charleston African Americans. It helped battle racism and sexism through community-wide projects as well as neighborhood and youth activities throughout the city of Charleston.</p> <p>Contains organizational documents, including constitution, correspondence, minutes, and account books. Also includes some program material and newsletter.</p>
Extent:	0.25 linear feet(8 folders)
Repository:	Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston
Call Number:	AMN 1044
Language of Material:	Material in English

Historical Note

The Book Lover's Club of Charleston was founded in 1927 by African-American Women as a literary club with a purpose of establishing a high literary culture among its members as well as social improvement for Charleston African Americans. It helped battle racism and sexism through community-wide projects as well as neighborhood and youth activities throughout the city of Charleston.

Collection Overview

Legal documents, minutes, financial documents, and correspondence (1927-1969) document the activities of the Book Lovers' Club (Charleston, S.C.). Important members of the club included Susan Dart Butler, Lois Simms and members of the Holloway, Noisette, Bianchi, Poinsette, and Seabrook families. The collection is arranged in three series: Administrative Papers, Correspondence, and General Documents. Documents are arranged chronologically within individual folders.

Collection Arrangement

Series I: Administrative Papers

Series II: Correspondence

Series III: General Documents

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Subject Headings

Book Lovers' Club

Broadnax, Margaret, A.

Ellison, Louise B.

Graydon, Gertrude L.

Simms, Lois Averetta

Butler, Susan Dart, 1888-1959

South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs

African American women--South Carolina--Societies and clubs--History

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Administrative Papers, 1927-1969

(5 Folders)

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| Box 1 Folder 1 | Constitution, 1927 |
| Folder 2 | Minutes, 1944-1958 |
| Folder 3 | Minutes, 1962-1965 |
| Folder 4 | Booklets, Programs, etc., 1955-1965 |
| Folder 5 | Financial Papers, 1962-1969, undated |

2. Correspondence, 1949-1965

(2 Folders)

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| Box 1 Folder 6 | Correspondence: Personal, 1949-1965, undated |
| Folder 7 | Correspondence: Organizations, 1958-1964 |

3. General Documents, 1944-1961, undated

(1 Folder)

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| Box 1 Folder 8 | General, 1944-1961, undated |
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