

Kosmos Club Records, 1900-1974

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS
Creator:	Kosmos Club (Haverhill, Mass.)
Title:	Kosmos Club Records
Dates:	1900-1974
Size:	.417 linear feet (1 box)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Kosmos Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of this book exchange club from 1900 until 1974.

Organizational History

The Kosmos Club was founded on January 12, 1900, in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Eight women were present. Elizabeth Carleton was chosen as the first president and Jennie M. Green as the first treasurer. They formed a club where books were chosen by a committee, purchased by the club, and then passed among the members to be read. At the end of two weeks, one's book was passed along to another member. Each member could nominate five books. Dues were \$1.00 and membership was limited to 20, later increased to 26. At the end of the season, the books were auctioned off to members to raise money. There were two social meetings per year. On June 9, 1900, the club voted to adopt the name "Kosmos Club."

In 1973, it was voted to disband the club at the end of 1974 due to declining membership and the difficulty in passing books to each other. The club records were donated to the Haverhill Public Library Special Collections and the money in the treasury was donated to the Trustees of the Haverhill Public Library.

Arrangement

Series 1. Record Books, 1900-1974

Series 2. Account Books, 1900-1974

Scope and Content Note

The Kosmos Club records document the activities, financial transactions, and administration of this book exchange club from 1900 until 1974. It has been arranged into two series. Series one contains three volumes of record books, which provide the minutes of meetings, lists of members, and lists of books chosen. Series two contains two account books, listing monies received and spent.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:	[Item Identification], Kosmos Club Records, MSS 66, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Custodial History:	Material was acquired from creator.
Acquisition Information:	Gift of Kosmos Club, 1974.
Processing Information:	Processed by Tamara Gaydos, 2021.
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Related Collections:	None.
Separated Material:	None.
Conservation Notes:	Paper clips and staples were removed.
Subjects:	Clubs Haverhill (Mass.) – History Kosmos Club (Haverhill, Mass.) Women – Massachusetts -- Haverhill Women -- Societies and clubs

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Record Books, 1900-1974

This series contains three volumes of record books, which provide the minutes of meetings, lists of members, and lists of books chosen.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Record book, 1900-1916	1	1
Record book, 1917-1965	1	2
Record book, 1966-1974	1	3

Series 2: Account books, 1900-1974

This series contains two account books, listing monies received and spent.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Account book, 1900-1969	1	4
Account book, 1969-1974	1	5