

Belfast Play Readers Club Minutes

Special Collections Belfast Free Library Belfast, ME

Summary Information:

Collection Title: Belfast Play Readers Club Minutes

Collector: Belfast Play Readers Club

Date of Collection: 1931-1944, 1958-1967

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Biographical/Historical Information:

The Belfast Play Readers Club was organized informally in September of 1831. After the winter, the group decided to become a formal club and they started with 20 members. The twice-monthly meetings involved the reading of minutes of the prior meeting, a program – a play presented by one or more members of the group – and refreshments. The group met in the Gammans Room of the Belfast Free Library until at least 1944 when the first volume ends. By 1958, they were meeting monthly in member's homes. After the first few years, the program included a short business meeting and in a few instances, a lecture about some aspect of play production rather than a play reading.

Scope and Contents:

The collection includes two notebooks containing meeting minutes, lists of members, and newspaper clippings. The first covering the years 1931-1944 is in a composition type notebook with mostly handwritten entries, though some typed pages have been pasted in. The second, covering years 1958-1967, is in a three ring binder with most of the entries typed. There is one volume missing covering the years 1944-1958.

Arrangement:

Chronological