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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

UA 0026

Unit Date

1911-1931

Language

English .

Abstract

This collection is comprised of two record books, bound posters, and ephemera created by members of the Lanier Literary Society, from 1911-1931.

Creator

Lanier Literary Society

Extent

0.33 cubic feet 2 boxes

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Items were in the cage in 1982, at the time of founding.

Processing Information

The collection was formed from the merger of items in SU 93-0331, Students: Memorabilia and General, and Lanier Society posters in SU 93-0315, Scrapbooks 1909-1916.

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Administrative History

The Lanier Literary Society and Lee Literary Society were established at State Normal and Industrial School for Women in 1909, during the school's first term. The Lanier Society was named for the Southern poet, Sidney Lanier, and the Lee Literary Society was named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee. Both the Lee and Lanier Society held debates, and sponsored readings, talks and musical events.

The Lanier chose violet and white as the club's representative colors, while the Lee Society chose gold and gray. In October, 1909, the school's official colors were taken from each – violet from Lanier, and gold from Lee.

In 1914, ten members from the Lee and Lanier Literary Societies joined together to form a new student organization, the Stratford Literary Society, later known as the Stratford Players. The Lanier Society and Lee Society were discontinued in 1942.

Scope and Content

This collection is comprised of two record books, a volume of bound posters, and ephemera created by the Lanier Literary Society, from 1911-1931. The 1912-1931 record book contains several iterations of the society's constitution as well as quarterly membership lists. The 1920-1931 record book contains meeting minutes. The volume of bound posters contains hand-drawn posters advertising Lanier Literary Society events. The collection also includes a 1935 New York Times Book Review article about the poet, Sidney Lanier, and a 1913 hand-made program for a Lanier Society event, including the text of the Lanier Song.

Related Materials

Lee Literary Society Records, 1909-1912, UA 0027, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

Keywords

Programs (documents)
Posters
Minutes (administrative records)
Membership lists
Newspaper clippings
Lanier Literary Society

Other Formats Available

Select Lanier Literary Society posters have been digitized and can be found at [Founding Documents in Special Collections](#).

Bibliography

Dingledine, Raymond C. *Madison College, the First Fifty Years, 1908-1958*. Harrisonburg, VA: Madison College, 1959.

Arrangement

Documents are arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Record Book

Unit Date 1912-1931

Mixed Materials [1000898586] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Record Book

Unit Date 1920-1931

Mixed Materials [1000898586] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Ephemera

Unit Date 1911-1935

Mixed Materials [1000898586] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Lanier Literary Society Posters

Unit Date 1911-1912

Mixed Materials [1000898428] OV 1 (box)