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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MSS 15920

Unit ID

[Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1995-2018

Language

English

Extent

1.5 Cubic Feet 3 legal size document boxes

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Provenance

Donated by Ann Southwell, 30 July on July 30, 2018.

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Historical Note

Book Baskets, a local nonprofit organization, was the brain child of Mildred Abraham and was established in 1995 with the goal of encouraging reading through book ownership. For over 20 years Book Baskets has been deeply committed to giving new or lightly used books to those children in the Charlottesville, Va. and Albemarle County area who might not otherwise have books of their own. They currently serve over 30 local social service agencies or education programs. On average, they place over 20,000 books per year into the appreciative hands of children. A small bookplate is placed in the front of each book, allowing the recipient to identify the gift book as his or her own.

Source: based on <https://bookbaskets.org/>

Scope and Contents

Records of the Book Baskets (1995-2018; 1.5 cubic feet) consists of meeting agendas, minutes, reports, news clippings, photographs, thank you letters, information on grants, contributors, and general correspondence. The collection is organized into three series.

Keywords

Color photographs
letters (correspondence)

Accruals

Other accessions included in this collection were received on April 8, 2015, July 30, 2015, and November 7, 2016.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 3 series: Series 1. Records, Series 2. Thank you cards, Series 3. Grants and partnerships.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence, reports, and minutes

Unit ID 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173110

Unit Date 1995-2018

Mixed Materials [x030899317] 1 (box)

Mixed Materials [x030899318] 2 (box)

Container 1-8 (folder)

Language English

Extent 0.92 Cubic Feet 15 folders in Box 1, 8 folders in Box 2

Scope and Contents

Records include minutes of the Book Baskets meetings, treasury reports, book orders, correspondence,

newspaper clippings, and photographs. There are some thank you notes, and grant or partnership information in this series although the majority of them are in their own series.

Thank you cards

Unit ID 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173112

Unit Date 2005-2017; undated

Mixed Materials [x030899318] 2 (box)

Container 9-12 (folder)

Mixed Materials [x030899319] 3 (box)

Container 1-3 (folder)

Language English

Extent

0.28 Cubic Feet 4 folders in Box 2, 3 folders in Box 3

Scope and Contents

Mostly hand-made thank you cards from the students who received books from Book Baskets. Other thank you correspondence is included from teachers and partnerships.

Grants and partnerships

Unit ID 3

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173114

Unit Date 1996-2014

Mixed Materials [x030899319] 3 (box)

Container 4-11 (folder)

Language English

Extent 0.32 Cubic Feet 8 folders in Box 3

Scope and Contents

Includes donor lists (contributors), and papers from the Scholastic Literacy Partners, Bama works (Dave Mathews Band), First Book Grants, Congregation Beth Israel, Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation documenting their close work with Book Baskets.