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## Eclectic Book Club (MSS 407)

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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 407    ECLECTIC Book Club – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

1 box. 11 folders. 88 items. 1939-2004. Originals.

1985.174.1; SC2012.95.1

***ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY***

The Eclectic Book Club, a women's club which promoted the reading and discussion of books, was organized in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in fall 1939 by Edna Bothe, head of the Department of Library Science at Western Kentucky State Teachers College (now WKU). A constitution providing for membership, officers, and dues payments was adopted the following year. The club held monthly meetings at members' homes, where book exchanges and programs took place. The club disbanded in 2004.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists of the minute book (1939-2004) and yearbooks (1940-2002) of the Eclectic Book Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky. A small amount of financial material, consisting of dues records and a bank statement, is included. The club minute book includes lists of officers and members. A few photographs (printed on paper) of club members are found in Folder 11. The correspondence in Folder 10 consists chiefly of thank you notes.

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Eclectic Book Club</b>	<b>1939-2004</b>	<b>88 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Minute book	1939-1979	1 item
Folder 2a	Minute book	1980-1998	1 item
Folder 2b	Loose items from minute book in Folder 2a	1988-1990	3 items

Folder 2c	Minute books	1998-2004	2 items
Folder 3	Dues records; bank statement	1949-1965, 1984	2 items
Folder 4	Yearbooks	1940-1950	10 items
Folder 5	Yearbooks	1950-1960	10 items
Folder 6	Yearbooks	1960-1970	9 items
Folder 7	Yearbooks	1970-1980	9 items
Folder 8	Yearbooks	1980-1985	5 items
Folder 9	Yearbooks	1985-2002	12 items
Folder 10	Correspondence	1992-2003	17 items
Folder 11	Photos	1993; n.d.	6 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS ECLECTIC Book Club – 1939-2004  
407 Bowling Green, Kentucky

Minute book, yearbooks, and financial data of the Eclectic Book Club, a women's literary club in Bowling Green, Kentucky.  
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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Clubs – Bowling Green  
Reading – Related to  
Societies – Bowling Green  
Women – Societies and clubs

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