

Junior Reading Club Records, 1879-1882
Wellesley Historical Society

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Title

Junior Reading Club Records, 1879-1882

Date

1879-1882

Extent

2 folders

Name of Creator

Junior Reading Club

Historical Note

The Junior Reading Club formed in Grantville (Wellesley Hills), and held their first meeting on December 11, 1879. Article III of the Bylaws outlined the purpose and activities of the Club, which was the reading of a selected work, interspersed with musical entertainment. The club met twice a month. While the records don't always indicate what books were read at the meetings, William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, a night of Henry Wordsworth Longfellow, and a night of Sir Walter Scott are recorded. By early 1882 attendance was declining, and the club ceased to meet after March 1882.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the Junior Reading Club's record book, which contains their Constitution, Bylaws, and meeting minutes. There is an additional folder of meeting notes which had been folded and placed into the original book.

Library of Congress Index Terms

Group reading
Wellesley (Mass.)

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Languages and Scripts of the Material

English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

N/A

Accruals

No further accruals are currently expected.

Description

DACS-compliant Finding Aid created in May 2019 by Alden Ludlow. Processing of this collection was made possible through a grant from the Wellesley Community Preservation Committee.

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Container List

Note on sequence: This collection shares a box with two other collections; the Junior Reading Club Records comprises Folders 2-3 in that box.

Box 1

- Folder 2: Junior Reading Club Record Book, 1879-1882. Sewn bound notebook, 205 x 173 mm, gray marbled cover with black spine.
- Folder 3: Junior Reading Club Meeting Minutes, 1879-1881