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## ARCHIVES

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Arundel Book Club  
Collection

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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : This collection contains records of meetings, attendance, membership, receipts, booklists and the history of the Arundel Book Club of Worcester, Massachusetts from 1887 to 1985.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Donated by Marie Ohrn, previous president of the club

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

The Arundel Book Club was founded in 1887 by four Worcester women who met in Kennebunkport, Maine at the Arundel Hotel. These women were Mrs. Comins, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Converse and Mrs. Johnson. The first regular meeting of the club took place in November of 1887. The club studied books and authors and also established an "Ignorance Class." Each member was expected to pose four questions which had occurred to her from her readings. In 1890 a constitution for the club was drawn up. This constitution outlined rules for the club including a maximum of twenty-four members and fees for lateness in exchanging books. The club functioned for nearly 100 years before the members agreed to disband in 1985.

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## **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: History, Correspondence, Announcements and Miscellaneous Records

Series 2: Record Books

Series 3: Record Book of Books and Programs

Series 4: Record Book of Annual Meetings

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Series 1, History, Correspondence, Announcements and Miscellaneous Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1985.54.1.1-35	Correspondence, announcements, speeches, and other miscellaneous records relating to the club from 1909-1984.

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Series 2, Record Books

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	n/a	1985.54.2.1-13	Attendance, minutes, membership lists, book lists, treasurer reports, receipts, waiting lists from 1888-1985. Includes 1890 constitution.

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Series 3, Record Book of Books and Programs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	n/a	1985.54.3.1	Event programs and lists of books bought and exchanged by members, 1914-25

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Series 4, Record Book of Annual Meetings

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	n/a	1985.54.4.1	Notes from annual meetings and lists of club officers and members from 1918-1933