Descriptive Summary
Title: Barbara Grier-Naiad Press Collection
Dates: 1933-2011
Collection Number: GLC 30
Creator/Collector: Grier, Barbara, 1933-2011.
Extent: 106 cubic feet, 7 oversized boxes, 3 oversized folders
Repository: San Francisco Public Library. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center
San Francisco, California 94102
Abstract: Barbara Grier was a writer, editor, and publisher of articles and books on lesbians and lesbianism. She is one of the founders of Naiad Press, a lesbian publishing house. The Papers contain materials which document Grier's life, especially her work with Anyda Marchant (a.k.a. Sarah Aldridge) to establish Naiad Press. The collection contains extensive Naiad Press author and publicity files.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Biography/Administrative History
Barbara Grier is a writer, editor, and publisher of articles and books on lesbians and lesbianism. She is one of the founders of Naiad Press, a lesbian publishing house.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection is a mixture of corporate archives and personal papers. The collection contains materials which document Grier's life, especially her work with Anyda Marchant (a.k.a. Sarah Aldridge) to establish Naiad Press. The Naiad authors include Marion Zimmer Bradley, May Sarton, Elsa Gidlow, Jeannette Foster, Jane Rule, Valerie Taylor and Sheila Ortiz Taylor. There is excellent coverage of the media frenzy which accompanied publication of "Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence," edited by Rosemary Curb and Nancy Manahan. Of particular interest is the correspondence with Canadian author Jane Rule, and with Joanne Passet, Grier's biographer.
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