Feminist Bookstore News Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Feminist Bookstore News Records
Collection Number: GLC 105
Creator/Collector: Seajay, Carol
Extent: 84 cartons, 3 oversized flat boxes
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Abstract: The organizational records of Feminist Bookstore News (FBN) from the beginning of the Feminist Bookstore News(letter) in 1976 through 2000. The Records include correspondence, information and issue folders, publications, clippings, promotional materials, financial records, audiovisual materials and microfilm. The collection also includes information on the Feminist Bookstore Network.

Language of Material: English

Access
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Acquisition Information

Biography/Administrative History
Carol Seajay, a lesbian feminist organizer, began the Feminist Bookstore News(letter) in 1976 to provide a means of connecting feminist booksellers, printers and publishers. The idea was the result of the 1976 Women In Print conference. FBN was widely considered the "Publisher's Weekly" for the feminist book trade with book news, business news, inspirational features, and a forum for sharing the problems faced by and the successful strategies employed by other publishers and bookstores. The final issue was Summer 2000.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Feminist Bookstore News Records include topical information files on issues of importance over the years, "Issue" folders with raw materials and background materials for each published issue, correspondence with virtually every feminist and lesbian publisher of the time, collections of bookstore publications, catalogs from several feminist/lesbian publishers, tape recordings of interviews, conferences and meetings. The collection also includes material on the three national women-in-print conferences, material from the International Feminist Book Fairs, and the 1994 feminist bookstores strategic planning conference, extensive notes from each of the Feminist Bookstore Network annual meetings (Feminist Bookstore Days) and miscellaneous clippings from a lot of small and movement publications.

Indexing Terms
Feminist literature--Bibliography--Periodicals.
Feminist literature--Publishing.
Women's bookstores--Periodicals.
Women publishers.
Lesbianism--Periodicals--Publishing.

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