Finding Aid for the Grolier Club Collection 1893-1999

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Grolier Club Collection,
Date (inclusive): 1893-1999
Collection number: Press Coll. Archives Grolier
Creator: Grolier Club
Extent: 1 box (.4 linear feet)
Repository: William Andrews Clark Memorial Library
Los Angeles, California 90018
Abstract: This collection contains materials for members of the Grolier Club. It includes event announcements, yearly event lists, publications for sale, keepsake booklets, correspondence, and exhibition catalogs.
Physical location: Clark Library
Language of Material: Collection materials in English
Access
Collection is open for research.
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Preferred Citation
Acquisition Information
Items in this collection were collected over time by the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library.
Processing History
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Biography
The Grolier Club is an organization of bibliophiles founded by Robert Hoe and his friends. It began in New York City in January, 1884, making it the oldest club of its kind in North America. The Grolier Club has a research library specializing in books, printing (especially the history of printing and examples of fine printing), binding, illustration and bookselling. The club hosts programs including exhibitions for the public, annual and monthly meetings for its members, and publishes books regularly.
Scope and Content
This collection contains materials for members of the Grolier Club. It includes announcements for events (meetings, annual meetings, and exhibitions), lists of events held yearly, publications for sale by the Grolier Club, keepsake booklets for members, correspondence, and exhibition catalogs. Lawrence Clark Powell's club membership invitation is also included. Items range in date from 1893 to 1999, but the majority of the collection ranges from the 1940s to 1960s.
Four printed announcements which were not keepsakes of the Grolier Club were removed from box 1 and moved to a folder in the Fine Press Ephemera Collection. (Press Coll. Ephemera). The folder is titled "Items from the Grolier Club Collection." This includes a Roxburghe Club meeting invitation, an American Institute of the Graphic Arts exhibition announcement, a 1961 yearly events list for the Bibliographical Society (London), and a list of publications from 1892 to 1948 of the Rowfant Club.
Arrangement
The collection is arranged thematically, and items are organized by date when possible. Undated items are put at the back of each folder behind dated items.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Subjects
Book collectors--United States--20th century
Clubs--United States--20th century
Genres and Forms
Ephemera--United States--20th century

Box 1, Folder 1  Grolier Club membership letter -- Lawrence Clark Powell 1949

Box 1, Folder 2-5  Meeting Announcements 1943-1975, undated
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes announcements for monthly meetings of members of the Grolier Club, usually
  including a lecture and dinner.

Box 1, Folder 6  Event Schedules 1953-1965
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes cards with schedules of exhibitions and meetings for various calendar years.

Box 1, Folder 7  Annual Meeting Announcements 1922, 1948-1966
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes invitations to annual meetings.

Box 1, Folder 8  Publications for Sale 1893, =1946-1962
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes announcements and order forms for books printed for and sold by the Grolier Club.

Box 1, Folder 9  Keepsake Booklets 1950-1961
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes booklets printed for members as keepsakes from meetings.

Box 1, Folder 10  Exhibition Announcements 1923, 1948-1968, 1999
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes announcements for exhibitions put on by the Grolier Club, or located at the Grolier
  Club.

Box 1, Folder 11  Exhibition Catalogs 1962-1965, 1975
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes catalogs for exhibitions at the Grolier Club, most of which have lists of books or
  items on display.

Box 1, Folder 12  Correspondence 1949-1966
  Scope and Content Note
  Includes letters sent to members of the Grolier Club. Also includes letters asking for
  donations towards renovating the club.
  Note
  Copies of concept sketches for the club renovations were removed and put in the oversized
  item map drawers.

Box Map Drawer  Renovation Concept Sketches 1954
  "F-G"
  Note
  This folder is located in the "F-G" drawer, which can be found in the oversized item map
  drawers.