
Finding Aid for the Marjeanne Blinn collection on Frances Clarke Sayers, ca. 1950-1970

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Marjeanne Blinn collection on Frances Clarke Sayers

Date (inclusive): ca. 1950-1970

Collection number: 262

Creator: Blinn, Marjeanne Jensen.

Extent: 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.)

Abstract: Marjeanne Blinn, a children's librarian and former student of Frances Clarke Sayers, worked with Sayers on an anthology of Sayers' writings, *Summoned by Books: Essays and Speeches by Frances Clarke Sayers*, published in 1964. The collection includes over sixty 3" reel tape recordings of Sayers' lectures, speeches and workshops, two vinyl albums of Sayers' storytelling, and a scrapbook that contains a typed manuscript of *Summoned by Books*, correspondence, literature review research, and other documents related to Sayers and the making of *Summoned by Books*.

Language: Finding aid is written in English.

Language of the Material: Materials are in English.

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact UCLA Library Special Collections for paging information.

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Gift of Marjeanne Blinn, 2012.

Processing Note

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Biography/History

Marjeanne Jensen Blinn was a 1962 graduate of the UCLA Graduate School of Library Service and later served as an assistant librarian at the UCLA University Elementary School Library. Blinn compiled and edited the anthology *Summoned by Books: Essays and Speeches by Frances Clarke Sayers*. While enrolled in the School of Library Service, which later became the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, Blinn was a student of Frances Clarke Sayers (1897-1989) who lectured on children's literature at UCLA from 1954 to 1965. After graduation, Blinn frequently attended and recorded Sayers' lectures, workshops, and symposiums. Blinn began working very closely with Sayers on the anthology in the fall of 1963, and was granted a summer leave of absence from the University Elementary School Library to work full time on the book in 1964. *Summoned by Books: Essays and Speeches by Frances Clarke Sayers*, which includes an introduction by Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell (1906-2001), was published in 1965.

Scope and Content

The Marjeanne Blinn collection on Frances Clarke Sayers contains 3" reel tapes, vinyl records, and scrapbook titled *Frances Clarke Sayers and the making of Summoned by Books*. The 3" reel audio recordings span from 1963 to 1982, and include a variety of Sayers' lectures from English 118: Literature for Children and Library Science 203: Work with Children. Also included are recordings of speeches, storytelling workshops, a luncheon and Sayers' retirement symposium; the vinyl records contain Sayers' storytelling and speeches. The scrapbook, compiled by Blinn, contains a typed manuscript of the

book, research correspondence, and book reviews as well as obituaries and memorials written after Sayers' death in 1989.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Blinn, Marjeanne Jensen --Archives.

Sayers, Frances Clarke, 1897-

Children's librarians --California --Los Angeles --Archival resources.

- Box 1 ***Summoned by Books* memorabilia scrapbook, and vinyl records titled *Frances Clarke Sayers, Storyteller* and *Summoned by Books: Speeches Delivered by Frances Clarke Sayers 1963-1990***
- Box 2 **3-inch reel audio recordings of Frances Clarke Sayers' English 118: Literature for Children lectures 1963-1964**
 Scope and Content Note
 Lecture topics include poetry, *Alice in Wonderland* and Lewis Carroll, Fantasy, Epics, Fables, Fiction, Folktales, Mythology, Hans Christian Anderson, and the history of children's books.
- Box 3 **3-inch reel audio recordings of Frances Clarke Sayers' Library Science 203: Library Work with Children lectures, storytelling workshop, retirement symposium and speeches. 1965-1982**
 Scope and Content Note
 Storytelling workshop recordings include three stories told by Sayers, Laramie Haynes, and Richard Chase followed by a discussion of storytelling techniques. The recording of Sayers' retirement symposium includes speeches by Augusta Baker, Mae Durham, Rosemary Livsey, Ruth Hill Viguers and Laramie Haynes.