

League of Women Voters of Missoula Records, 1946-1998

Overview of the Collection

Creator	League of Women Voters of Missoula
Title	League of Women Voters of Missoula Records
Dates	1946-1998 (inclusive) 1946 1998
Quantity	7.2 linear feet
Collection Number	Mss 632
Summary	The League of Women Voters of Missoula, Inc. in Missoula, Montana is a non-partisan research group established in 1952 and still active. The goal of the League of Women Voters of Missoula is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League focuses on informing the local community and League members of community environmental, social and political issues using local studies, group discussions and publications.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 library.archives@umontana.edu
Access Restrictions	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana--Missoula.
Languages	English

Historical Note

The League of Women Voters in Missoula, Montana (LWVM) began in 1951. In 1952, the League of Women Voters national board recognized the league in Missoula as a local league and entitled them to the League insignia. Active founding member and local historian, Audra Browman, stated that the goal of the League of Women Voters of Missoula was to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League targeted this objective through various local studies and group discussions. The league then offered this knowledge to the community through publications, newspaper articles and personally contacting people. By researching various community topics, the League attempted to be a source of non-partisan information.

The LWVM organized attendance at forums, speeches and rallies. To inform the community, they publicized their research in The Voter (the Missoula branch's newsletter) and other publications. Generally, these studies informed voters of various issues confronting Missoula city and county residents. Some of the major issues confronting the Missoula community that the LWVM researched are the City/County Consolidation, Local Government, School Unification and Social Policies.

Content Description

This collection has been divided into five series. Series I, Administrative Records, contains materials generated by the LWVM, including monthly and annual board minutes. Recorded within the minutes are the treasurer reports, budget proposals and reports, and updates on local and national studies. Series II, Studies, consists of research conducted by the LWVM. Included is research on national and state League of Women Voters positions, yet the majority of research pertains to issues of Missoula, Montana. Series III, The Voter, contains the LWVM newsletter reporting to the Missoula community information from research. Series IV, Publications and Scrapbooks, consists of scrapbooks generated by members of the League, newspaper clippings written either by League members or about the League, and a publicity flyer. Series V, Media, contains audio and video material generated by the League.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. and any other applicable statutes. Copyright status unknown.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is divided into five series:

Series I: Administrative Records, 1.2 linear feet, 1951-1990

Series II: Studies, 3.2 linear feet, 1951-1989

Series III: The Voter, 0.6 linear feet, 1953-1998

Series IV: Publications and Scrapbooks, 1.4 linear feet, 1954-1984

Series V: Media, 0.8 linear feet, 1984

Acquisition Information

Gift of the League of Women Voters of Missoula, 1987-1994. Additional issues of The Voter added in 2010. Additional materials were given to Archives and Special Collections in 2014; they were inventoried but not added to the collection.

Processing Note

Materials have been organized by the processor in alphabetical, then chronological order within series.

Separated Materials

A number of other local League of Women Voters, Montana League of Women Voters and National League of Women Voters published materials were removed from the collection.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Administrative Records, 1951-1990

1.2 linear feet

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Administration: By-Laws	1964-1986
1/2	Annual Reports for Local Annual Meeting	1973-1989
1/3	Annual Reports to National League	1966-1972
1/4	Annual Reports to National League	1974-1983
1/5	Board Functioning	1980-1983
1/6	Board Members Records	1953-1966
1/7	Board Minutes	1959-1962
1/8	Board Minutes	1963-1963
1/9	Board Minutes	1965-1967
1/10	Board Minutes	1968-1969
1/11	Board Minutes	1970-1971
1/12	Board Minutes	1972-1973

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/1	Board Minutes	1974-1976
2/2	Board Minutes	1977-1978
2/3	Board Minutes	1979-1980
2/4	Board Minutes	1981-1983
2/5	Board Minutes	1984-1985
2/6	Board Minutes	1986-1987
2/7	Board Minutes	1988-1990
2/8	City-County Consolidation, talk by Audra Browman, July 7	1982
2/9	Community Public Relations	1963-1964
2/10	Copy of Speeches on the United Nations, School Board Unification, City-County	1965
2/11	Election Facts and Elected Officials	1982-1983
2/12	Handbook	1986-1987
2/13	History of Missoula League	1951-1953
2/14	History Newspaper clippings	1982-1988
3/1	Inter-League Cooperation Policy	1982
3/2	League Archives	1968-1976
3/3	League Dues	1972 and 1982
3/4	Local League History	1951-1981
3/5	Local Government Publications	1963-1974
3/6	Local Publications	1974-1984
3/7	Membership Lists	1951-1986

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/8	Membership Records	1954-1982
3/9	National Security Concern	undated
3/10	Obsolete Letterheads	undated
3/11	Old Correspondence from State Environment Quality	1972-1973
3/12	Unit Attendance	1976-1982

Series II: Studies, 1951-1989

3.2 linear feet

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/13	Administration of Justice	1970-1976
3/14	Annexation	1979-1980
3/15	Campaign Financing	1975-1976
3/16	City Zoning	1977-1979
4/1	Coalition for Local Government Study Reports	1975 and 1982
4/2	Coalition for Local Government Study Reports	1982
4/3	Coalition for Local Government Study Reports	1982-1983
4/4	Committee Reports for Air Pollution	1977
4/5	City/County Consolidation	1962-1976
4/6	City/County Consolidation Newspaper Articles	1975-1976
4/7	Daycare	1972-1974
4/8	Early Local Studies	1954-1964

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/9	Education '70	1969-1974
4/10	Equal Opportunity	1960-1973
4/11	Exceptional Children '57	1957 and 1961
4/12	Growth Study	1974-1976
5/1	Growth Study	1974-1978
5/2	Growth Study Photos, Zoning Maps, and Clippings	1972-1979
5/3	Growth in Missoula	1978-1981
5/4	Health and Daycare	1978-1980
5/5	Hmong	1980
5/6	Hmong, Local Education	1980-1981
5/7	Housing	1971
5/8	Human Resources Vo-Tech	1967-1982
5/9	Land Use Planning	1972-1976
5/10	Library	1957-1973
5/11	Library	1967-1982
5/12	Local Government City Manager '58	1953-1958
5/13	Local Government Reorganization	1976-1984
6/1	Local Government Study	1946-1962
6/2	Local Government Study	1963-1975
6/3	Local Government Study	1975-1976
6/4	Local Government Study Commissions County Charter	1975-1976

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/5	Local Survey	1952-1953.
6/6	Metropolitan Government Forms 1980-81	1980
6/7	Missoula Air and Watershed Study 1979	1977-1981
6/8	Missoula County Council of Women's Organizations	1946-1950
6/9	Missoula Rural Fire District	1978-1991
6/10	Missoula Rural Fire District	1984-1985
6/11	Montana Water Pollution Control	1953-1964
6/12	Montana Water Pollution Control	1954-1957
7/1	Montana Water Pollution Control	1963-1968
7/2	Old Positions	1967-1979
7/3	Original Studies	1951-1954
7/4	Original Studies	1955-1974
7/5	Parks and Recreation	1972-1977
7/6	Poll Reporting	1968-1976
7/7	Public Health (Health Board)	1955-1978
7/8	Publications and Voter Guides	1967-1974
7/9	Schools	1976-1978
7/10	Schools, Budgets	1973-1982
7/11	Schools Hot Lunch	1971-1978
8/1	School Unification	1960-1981
8/2	School Unification	1964-1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8/3	School Unification	1969-1976
8/4	School Unification Public Relations	1969-1970
8/5	Sewers	1954-1981
8/6	State Custodial Institutions	1967-1976
8/7	State Land Use and Taxation Study	1973-1977
8/8	Subdivision Regulations	1980-1989
8/9	Topics with no League Position	1981-1982
8/10	Water Study (Clark Fork)	1956-1973
8/11	State Position: Arms Control Position	1969-1983
8/12	State Position: Legislature	1964-1978
8/13	State Position: Montana Government, Efficient and Equitable Financing of Public Education in Montana	1984-1988
8/14	State Position: Montana Government, State Finance	1954-1986
9/1	State Position: Montana Government, State Finance	1954-1986
9/2	State Position: Montana Government, Unicameral Legislature	1967-1979
9/3	State Position: Montana Government, Unicameral Legislature	1971-1980
9/4	State Position: Voting Rights, Candidate Forum	1984
9/5	National Position: Social Policy, Equal Rights Amendment	1978-1984
9/6	National Position: Social Policy, Equal Rights and International Women's Year	1975-1977
9/7	National Position: Social Policy, Income Assistance	1971-1983
9/8	National Position: Social Policy, Indians	1968-1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
9/9	National Position: International Relations, Trade	1967-1980
10/1	National Position: International Relations, U.S. Relations with Developing Countries	1967-1988
10/2	National Position: International Relations, Arms Control	1983-1988
10/3	National Position: Government, Ballot Issues	1984
10/4	National Position: Government, Campaign Finance	1973-1976
10/5	National Position: Government, Citizens Rights to Know and Participate in the State Legislature Process	1977-1987
10/6	National Position: Government, Congress and the Presidency	1975-1976
10/7	National Position: Government, Public Policy on Reproductive Freedom	1982-1990
10/8	National Position: Social Policy, Equal Access to Education, Employment and Housing	1968-1988
10/9	National Position: Social Policy, Equal Access to Education, Employment and Housing	1968-1988

Series III: The Voter, 1953-1998

0.6 linear feet

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
11/1	The Voter	1953-1956
11/2	The Voter	1957-1960
11/3	The Voter	1961-1965
11/4	The Voter	1966-1969
11/5	The Voter	1970-1972

Container(s)	Description	Dates
11/6	The Voter	1973-1976
11/7	The Voter	1977-1978
11/8	The Voter	1979-1980
12/1	The Voter	1981-1983
12/2	The Voter	1984-1985
12/3	The Voter	1986-1987
12/4	The Voter	1988-1998

Series IV: Publications and Scrapbooks, 1954-1984

1.4 linear feet

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
13	Scrapbook	1954-1959
13	Scrapbook	1974-1975
13	Scrapbook	1976
14	Scrapbook	1951-1956
14	Scrapbook	1960

Box/Folder

14/1	Newspaper Clippings and State Candidates Bulletin	1962-1963
14/2	"Meet the Candidates" Flyer	1984

Series V: Media, 1984

0.8 linear feet

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
15/1	"Taking Charge: 1984 Voter Registration Campaign," reel to reel audio	1984
15/2	Unknown, ¾" videocassette	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Local Government--Montana
 Metropolitan government--Montana
 Political participation--Montana--Missoula
 Schools--Centralization--Montana--Missoula
 Social planning--Montana--Missoula
 Women in politics--Montana--Missoula
 Women--Montana--Missoula--Societies and clubs

Geographical Names :

Missoula (Mont.)--Politics and government--20th century

Form or Genre Terms :

Administrative records--Montana--Missoula
 Newsletters--Montana--Missoula
 Research (document genres)--Montana--Missoula
 Scrapbooks--Montana--Missoula
 Sound recordings--Montana--Missoula

Titles within the Collection :

The Voter

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