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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Margo Dunn fonds
ID:	F-115
Date:	1968 - 1993 (date of creation)
Physical description:	75 cm of textual records 2 artifacts
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Margo Dunn, actor, writer, feminist and owner of Ariel Books, has been an active force in the Vancouver women's movement since 1966. She participated in the Abortion Caravan to Ottawa in 1970, acted in guerrilla theatre, and taught Women's Studies at Vancouver City College Langara.

Born in Montreal, on March 17, 1944, Ms. Dunn completed a BA in English from Marianopolis College (de l'Université de Montreal) in 1964. In 1966, she moved to Vancouver and attended Simon Fraser University from 1968 to 1970 working towards an MA in English. Ms. Dunn returned to SFU in 1974 and 1975 to finish work on her MA thesis, "The Development of Narrative in the Writing of Isabella Valency Crawford." From 1977 to 1979 she worked as an editor and taught drama at the University of New Brunswick. She also ran in the 1978 New Brunswick provincial election as a candidate for the NDP. Ms. Dunn has also taught women's studies at VCC-Langara in Vancouver from 1980 to 1990. Ms. Dunn is also a writer and editor; she edited the publication Makara in the 1970s and Room of Ones Own, in the early 1980s. In addition to her professional activities, Margo Dunn is an unofficial record-keeper of the Vancouver women's movement. She collected and stored material that she felt was important to record women's activities in the struggle for freedom and equality. In this role, she was sought out by representatives of various women's organizations and individuals to store and preserve their records. More recently, Ms. Dunn has been a columnist for X'tra West and Angles. She also contributes opinion and editorial pieces for the gay and lesbian television programs, Prism and, later, Outlook. She also writes and performs her own work and has resumed her early profession as an actor.

Custodial history

The records remained in the possession of Margo Dunn until they were donated to the Simon Fraser University Archives.

Scope and content

The fonds is comprised of the records of Ariel Books and a number of subject files compiled or collected by Margo Dunn. Records reflect Margo Dunn's business interest as owner of Ariel Books, and her role as collector of the records of the Vancouver women's movement. Includes correspondence, financial records, log books, promotional material, catalogues, articles, clippings, manuscripts, artifacts, and ephemera.

Notes

Title notes

- Source of title proper: Title based on provenance of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated by Margo Dunn to the Simon Fraser University Archives in a series of accessions from 1997 to 1999.

Arrangement

The materials were arranged by the Archivist.

Restrictions on access

Some files may contain personal or confidential information. Access to these files may be restricted as stipulated by Archives policy or the donor. Files marked 'pending review' must be reviewed by an archivist prior to release, and as a result of the review access restrictions may apply. Please see the file lists and consult the archivist for more details.

Conditions governing use

Copyright subsists in all or some of the records and the donor, Margo Dunn, has retained copyright ownership. Generally, the donor only owns copyright to the works s/he authored and not necessarily to all the records that comprise this fonds or collection. The Archives can make a single copy only for private study, research, or other fair dealing use by a patron. Those researchers wishing to ask permission to copy and use the copyright

protected materials for a different purpose must contact the copyright owner. Speak with the Reference Archivist for details.

Finding aids

Series descriptions and file lists are available.

Related material

Please consult the inventory for the Women's Bookstore Collection, F-111 and the Women's Studies Association of British Columbia fonds, F-75.

Accruals

All accessions have been processed as of September 2002. No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- Publication status: published
 - Level of detail: Full
 - Status description: Revised
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Access points

- Object (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Business and commerce (subject)
 - Women (subject)
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Series descriptions

Series F-115-1: Ariel Books records

Date: 1976 - 1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Ariel Books first opened in 1974 as a private business focusing on books about women's spirituality, but switched to collective ownership and a more general feminist bookstore format circa 1975. In 1981, when the collective decided to sell the business, Margo Dunn and Janice Pentland-Smith purchased the store that was then located at 2766 West 4th Avenue in Vancouver. In 1983, Margo Dunn acquired her partner's shares and became

the sole proprietor of Ariel Books. In 1991, Ariel Books moved to a larger space at 1988 West 4th Avenue, where it remained until it closed in 1994.

Ariel Books was one of two feminist bookstores operating in Vancouver during this period; the other was the Women's Bookstore (in operation from 1973 to 1996). Indeed, Vancouver was the only city in North America that supported two feminist bookstores simultaneously for such a long period of time. Ariel Books specialized in books for women in such areas as feminist theory, politics, lesbian issues, violence against women, assertiveness, psychology, parenting, birth and midwifery, fiction and the like. Ariel Books also hosted readings by popular feminist writers, and acted as an essential resource for Vancouver women.

Series consists of records that document the operation of Ariel Books from the period when Margo Dunn was owner of the store, although some records date to when the collective ran the store. Records reflect the purchase and organization of the business, daily logbooks, correspondence, events and general operational files. Includes sales contracts, financial records, correspondence, certificate of incorporation, inventories, catalogues, event flyers, promotional material and 2 fabric banners.

Physical description: 53 cm of textual records
2 artifacts

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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Sub-series F-115-1-1: Establishment and organizational records

Date: 1981 - 1991 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of records that reflect the purchase of Ariel Books by Margo Dunn and Janice Pentland-Smith in 1981, Dunn's purchase of Pentland-Smith's shares in 1983, and other organizational and legal records. Includes registration of the business, sales agreement, conditional sales contract, financial statements, correspondence, resolutions, certificate of incorporation, and inventory lists.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

Note:

Predominant dates: 1981-1987.

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-115-1-1-0-1	File - Ariel Books - purchase	1981 - 1982	Restricted in whole	115-1
F-115-1-1-0-2	File - Ariel Books - corporate documents	1981 - 1983	Restricted in whole	115-1
F-115-1-1-0-3	File - Ariel Books - JPS shares purchase	1981 - 1983	Restricted in whole	115-1
F-115-1-1-0-4	File - Ariel Books - lease / debenture	1987 - 1991	Restricted in whole	115-1
F-115-1-1-0-5	File - Ariel Books - general	1982 - 1987	Restricted in whole	115-1

Sub-series F-115-1-2: Log books

Date: 1978 - 1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of logbooks that reflect the day to day activities of Ariel Books.

Physical description: 22 cm of textual records

Restrictions on access:

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-115-1-2-0-1	File - Ariel Books - log	1978	Pending review	115-1
F-115-1-2-0-2	File - Ariel Books - log	1978	Pending review	115-1
F-115-1-2-0-3	File - Ariel Books - log / minutes	1980	Pending review	115-1
F-115-1-2-0-4	File - Ariel Books - daily journal	1983	Pending review	115-1
F-115-1-2-0-5	File - Ariel Books - log	1983	Pending review	115-1
F-115-1-2-0-6	File - Ariel Books - log	1983 - 1984	Pending review	115-1
F-115-1-2-0-7	File - Ariel Books - log	1984	Pending review	115-1
F-115-1-2-0-8	File - Ariel Books - log	1984 - 1985	Pending review	115-2
F-115-1-2-0-9	File - Ariel Books - log	1986	Pending review	115-2
F-115-1-2-0-10	File - Ariel Books - log	1986 - 1987	Pending review	115-2
F-115-1-2-0-11	File - Ariel Books - log	1987	Pending review	115-2
F-115-1-2-0-12	File - Ariel Books - log	1989	Pending review	115-2
F-115-1-2-0-13	File - Ariel Books - log	1991	Pending review	115-2

F-115-1-2-0-14	File - Ariel Books - log	1990	Pending review	115-2
F-115-1-2-0-15	File - Ariel Books - log	1990 - 1991	Pending review	115-2
F-115-1-2-0-16	File - Ariel Books - log	1991	Pending review	115-3
F-115-1-2-0-17	File - Ariel Books - log	1993	Pending review	115-3

Sub-series F-115-1-3: Correspondence

Date: 1980 - 1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of correspondence created and received by Ariel Books. Includes records that reflect daily business, special events, purchase and sale of stock, and donations made to various feminist organizations and causes.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

Restrictions on access:

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-115-1-3-0-1	File - Ariel Books - correspondence	1980 - 1988	Pending review	115-3
F-115-1-3-0-2	File - Ariel Books - correspondence -- May Sarton	1982	Pending review	115-3
F-115-1-3-0-3	File - Ariel Books - correspondence -- thank you's	1982 - 1989	Pending review	115-3
F-115-1-3-0-4	File - Ariel Books - correspondence 1/2	1983 - 1993	Pending review	115-3
F-115-1-3-0-5	File - Ariel Books - correspondence 2/2	1983 - 1993	Pending review	115-3

Sub-series F-115-1-4: Events records

Date: 1986 - 1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of records that reflect events at Ariel Books, and outside events attended by representatives of the store. Includes calendars, brochures, correspondence, and advertising.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

Restrictions on access:

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must be reviewed by an archivist prior to release, and as a result of the review access restrictions may apply. Please see the file lists and consult the archivist for more details.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-115-1-4-0-1	File - Ariel Books - events	1986	Pending review	115-3
F-115-1-4-0-2	File - Ariel Books - events	1987	Pending review	115-3
F-115-1-4-0-3	File - Ariel Books - events	1988	Pending review	115-3
F-115-1-4-0-4	File - Ariel Books - events	1989	Pending review	115-3
F-115-1-4-0-5	File - [Ariel Books - events advertising] file not available*	1990	Pending review	115-3

Sub-series F-115-1-5: General operational files

Date: 1976 - 1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of records that reflect the operational activities of Ariel Books, such as applications for Canada Council Assistance for author readings, and donations to feminist organizations and causes. Includes correspondence, catalogues, promotional material, calendars, and artifacts.

Physical description: 16 cm of textual records
2 artifacts

Restrictions on access:

Some files may contain personal or confidential information. Access to these files may be restricted as stipulated by Archives policy or the donor. Files marked 'pending review' must be reviewed by an archivist prior to release, and as a result of the review access restrictions may apply. Please see the file lists and consult the archivist for more details.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-115-1-5-0-1	File - Ariel Books - inventory	1982 - 1987	Pending review	115-4
F-115-1-5-0-2	File - Ariel Books - catalogue	1982	Pending review	115-4
F-115-1-5-0-3	File - Ariel Books - donations by Ariel Books	1981 - 1987	Pending review	115-4
F-115-1-5-0-4	File - Ariel Books - Canada Council assistance	1983 - 1986	Pending review	115-4
F-115-1-5-0-5	File - Ariel Books - purchase of PERC stock	1982	Pending review	115-4
F-115-1-5-0-6	File - Ariel Books - feminist bookstores	1982 - 1985	Pending review	115-4
F-115-1-5-0-7	File - Ariel Books - Kingston Prison for women	1987 - 1989	Pending review	115-4
F-115-1-5-0-8	File - [Ariel Books - promotional material] file not available		Pending review	115-4
F-115-1-5-0-9	File - Ariel Books - Press Gang calendar	1976	Pending review	

F-115-1-5-0-10	File - Ariel Books - banners (artifacts)	[ca 1980] - [ca 1989]	Pending review	
Series F-115-2: Subject files				
<u>Date:</u> 1968 - 1982 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
<p>Series consists of files that reflect a number of issues, activities, and areas of interest to the women's movement in North America. Files contain material on such diverse topics as unions, rape statistics, the British Columbia Federation of Women, the women's movement in Toronto and Berkeley, and feminist and homosexual periodicals. Includes correspondence, memoranda, newsletters, articles, reports, minutes, periodicals, publications, and posters.</p>				
<u>Physical description:</u> 34 cm of textual records				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-115-2-0-0-1	File - Berkeley Women's Movement 1/2	1969 - 1972	Open	115-4
F-115-2-0-0-2	File - Berkeley Women's Movement 2/2	1969 - 1972	Open	115-4
F-115-2-0-0-3	File - Berkeley Women's Movement - newsletters	1969 - 1972	Open	115-4
F-115-2-0-0-4	File - British Columbia Federation of Women (BCFW)	1975 - 1982	Open	115-4
F-115-2-0-0-5	File - Female Liberation Newsletter	1970 - 1971	Open	115-4
F-115-2-0-0-6	File - National Association of Sexual Assault Centres	1978 - 1980	Open	115-5
F-115-2-0-0-7	File - New Democratic Party press releases	1977 - 1978	Open	115-5
F-115-2-0-0-8	File - Periodicals and publications - feminist	1971 - 1972	Open	115-5
F-115-2-0-0-9	File - Periodicals and publications - general	1970 - 1978	Open	115-5
F-115-2-0-0-10	File - Periodicals and publications - homosexual	1971 - 1977	Open	115-5
F-115-2-0-0-11	File - Rape statistics, BC - gathered for Rape Relief	1977 - 1978	Open	115-5
F-115-2-0-0-12	File - Service, Office and Retail Workers Union of Canada (SORWUC)	1976 - 1978	Open	115-6
F-115-2-0-0-13	File - SORWUC newsletters	1976 - 1978	Open	115-6
F-115-2-0-0-14	File - Toronto Women's Movement	1970 - 1977	Open	115-6
F-115-2-0-0-15	File - U.S. and International Women's Movement	1971 - 1972	Open	115-6
F-115-2-0-0-16	File - Women's Studies	1968 - 1978	Open	115-6
F-115-2-0-0-17	File - Women's Studies Association	1976 - 1980	Open	115-6
F-115-2-0-0-18	File - Posters (oversize), vol. 1	1970 - 1981	Open	
F-115-2-0-0-19	File - Posters (oversize), vol. 2	1970 - 1981	Open	
F-115-2-0-0-20	File - Posters (oversize), vol. 3	1970 - 1981	Open	

