

Library of Birmingham Archives & Collections

Source list for Reading Groups

MS 1805

Calliope (women's poetry and plays reading society)
Minutes 1890-1935

MS 2160

Friends Book Society
Records 1822-1975

MS 2571

Birmingham Book Club (men)
Records 1775-2003

311136-41 [IIR 22]

Sarah Moody Breedon
Commonplace books 1792-1850 (6 vols.)

250838-46 [IIR 18]

Central Literary Association
Minutes etc. 1856-1953

271875-77 [IIR 23], 272248-52 [IIR 70]

Birmingham Shakespeare Reading Club
Minutes etc. 1866-90 (8 vols.)

MS 1662

Correspondence of William Hillman as Secretary of the Club; 19th cent. (1 file)

498633; 498664 [IIR 20]

'An epitome of reading' by Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Price; of Birmingham; c1880 (2 vols.)

457656-7, 483186 [IIR 13]

Birmingham Community Club
Minutes etc. 1916-35

MC 21/37

Dorcasian Society, Cherry Street Methodist Church
Minutes 1824-1861

The women of this society met once a fortnight to make up new clothes for distressed persons. "One of the ladies shall read some appropriate book while the others are engaged at work".