

**Morehead State University
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Department or Office: University Library

Collection Title: Ione Chapman Papers, 1907-1987

Record Group Number: RG029-20-03

Date transferred: Date of transfer not listed.

Processed by: Dieter C. Ullrich

Cataloged by: Dieter C. Ullrich

Date Listed: February 20, 2020

Date Span: 1907-1987 (bulk, 1952-1969)

Size of Collection: 0.75 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 1 letter size document case and 1 letter half size document case.

Type of Material: Correspondence, reports, press releases, newspaper clippings and ephemera.

Condition of Material: Good.

Arrangement: Organized alphabetically by title of file; Chronological arrangement.

Historical Information: Ione M. Chapman was born on April 20, 1900 in Parke County, Indiana. She attended public schools at Bridgeton and Greencastle, Indiana. After graduating high school she attended Indiana State Teachers College and the University of Illinois where she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in history and political science in 1925. She received a graduate degree in Library Science from Columbia University in 1928. From 1928 to 1934, she taught high school history, English and Latin. In 1934, she taught history and Latin at Adrian College and before her departure in 1942 she served as Dean of Women and librarian. From 1944 to 1946, she was the head librarian at Western State College in Colorado. She became head librarian at Morehead State Teachers College in 1946 and later served as assistant director of libraries. She retired in 1970. She was a significant figure in establishing the Rowan County Public Library in 1952. Ms. Chapman passed away on July 27, 1974 and was interred at the family cemetery in Rockville, Indiana.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of correspondence, reports and ephemera related to Ione Chapman, librarian and library director at Morehead State College from 1946 to 1968. Collection includes biographical information, personnel records (1953-1968), professional and departmental

correspondence (1954-1965), annual reports (1941-1969), library committee meeting minutes (1985-1987), and data on library staff from the 1960s to the 1980s. Included in the collection are annual reports (1963-1966), budgets (1960-1961), membership lists (1959-1962), conference and convention programs (1958-1961), meeting minutes (1958-1962), press releases and newspaper clippings (1960), procedure manuals (1958) and historical information (1917-1970) related to the Kentucky Library Association (KLA) when she served as president of the organization. Other items of interest include information on the Governor's Planning Committee on Libraries (1967-1968), which she served as a member, the naming of the west wing of Johnson Camden Library (1971) and the retirement of Jack Ellis, her successor as director in 1985.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Morehead State University. Camden-Carroll Library.

Kentucky Library Association – History.

Library science – Kentucky – Societies, etc.

University Library. Morehead State University – History.

Academic libraries – Administration.

Notes: The collection was located in the university archives in an unidentified box and re-processed and cataloged on February 20, 2020. Another box was located in July of 2020 and added to the collection on July 28, 2020.