

Eastern Illinois University

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Booth Collection

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 7

Mary Josephine Booth **1876-1965**

Third
~~First~~ librarian at Eastern Illinois University, Mary Josephine Booth served as Red Cross relief worker during World War I, state treasure of the Illinois Library Association, state president of the Illinois Library Association, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Women's Overseas Service League, and the American Association of University Women.

Chronology

1876 (May 24)- Mary Josephine Booth born at Beloit, WI.

1900- Booth received Bachelor of arts degree from Beloit College.

1904- Booth received Library Science degree from University of Illinois Library School.

1904- Booth hired as librarian at Eastern Normal School.

1913- Booth appointed as Illinois Library Association state treasurer. Served until 1915.

1915- Booth appointed Illinois Library Association state president. Served until 1916.

1916- Cyclone strikes Mattoon and Charleston. Mary Booth serves as head of the Red Cross relief work.

1917 Mary Booth volunteers for active duty in World War I.

1917 (Nov 27)- Booth arrives in France and serves as Red Cross canteener.

1945 (Sept 1)- Booth retires from Eastern Normal School.

1947 (July)- Eastern Normal School changed to Eastern Illinois State College.

1948 (Feb 2)- Ground broken for the Mary Josephine Booth Library on Eastern's campus. Booth turns first spadeful of dirt.

1950 (May 27)- Booth cuts ribbon across main entrance and is first person to enter the building named in her honor.

1950- Booth receives honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from Beloit (WI) College.

1957 (July 5)- Eastern Illinois State College changed to Eastern Illinois University.

1965 (Jan 2) Mary Josephine Booth dies at 6:30 a.m. at Charleston Hospital at the age of eighty-eight.

Description of Collection

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
1	1	Correspondence from Margerethe Urdahl Anderson to Mary J. Booth.
	2	Correspondence from Charlotte S. Ashman to Mary J. Booth.
	3	Correspondence from Will J. Barrow to Mary J. Booth.
	4	Correspondence from W. W. Bell to Mary J. Booth.
	5	Correspondence from to Della Mae Bennet Mary J. Booth.
	6	Correspondence from I.H. Booth to Mary J. Booth.
	7	Correspondence from Mary J. Booth - Misc.
	8	Correspondence from Mary J. Booth to her mother June 1913 to Aug. 1913.
	9	Correspondence from M.L. Both to Mary J. Booth.

- 10 Correspondence from Thomas R. Briggs to Mary J. Booth.
- 11 Correspondence from Mary L. Brinthall to Mary J. Booth.
- 12 Correspondence from Robert G. Buzzard to Mary J. Booth.
- 13 Correspondence from Barbara and Charles Clark to Mary J. Booth.
- 14 Correspondence from Bertha Crawford to Mary J. Booth.
- 15 Correspondence from Wesley Eastman to Mary J. Booth.
- 16 Correspondence from [-] Gardner to Mary J. Booth.
- 17 Correspondence from Mary Gardner to Mary J. Booth.
- 18 Correspondence from Ruthelle Gracy to Mary J. Booth.
- 19 Correspondence from N. Griffen to Mary J. Booth.
- 20 Correspondence from Adilaide Hasse to Mary J. Booth.
- 21 Correspondence from Margaret M. Hood to Mary J. Booth.
- 22 Correspondence from Mary R. Hood to Mary J. Booth.
- 23 Correspondence from Julie R.B. Jayne to Mary J. Booth.
- 24 Correspondence from Anabel Johnson to Mary J. Booth.
- 25 Correspondence from Mary N. Ken to Mary J. Booth.

- 26 Correspondence from Belle Kline to Mary J. Booth.
- 27 Correspondence from William J. Kline to Mary J. Booth.
- 28 Correspondence from H.L. Leonard to Mary J. Booth.
- 29 Correspondence from Minerva J. Leonard to Mary J. Booth.
- 30 Correspondence from [-] Lyman to Mary J. Booth.
- 31 Correspondence from Leslie Maynard to Mary J. Booth.
- 32 Correspondence from Grace McLay to Mary J. Booth.
- 33 Correspondence from Isodore Mudge to Mary J. Booth.
- 34 Correspondence from Helen Rose Pazelow to Mary J. Booth. 0
- 35 Correspondence from Margaret Hood Robbins to Mary J. Booth.
- 36 Correspondence from Helen Rogers to Mary J. Booth.
- 37 Correspondence from Lillian Sanborn to Mary J. Booth.
- 38 Correspondence from Ruth Schmallhausen to Mary J. Booth. 0
- 39 Correspondence from Katharine L. Sharp to Mary J. Booth.
- 40 Correspondence from Lois Shortess to Mary J. Booth.
- 41 Correspondence from Lizzie Smiley to Mary J. Booth.

- 42 Correspondence from Estreen Sonsher to Mary J. Booth.
- 43 Correspondence from Charlotte Springer to Mary J. Booth.
- 44 Correspondence from H.A. Studebaker to Mary J. Booth.
- 45 Correspondence from Mrs. Talbot to Mary J. Booth.
- 46 Correspondence from Bill Teal to Mary J. Booth.
- 47 Correspondence from Minnie M. Wallace to Mary J. Booth.
- 48 Correspondence from Leland H. Watson to Mary J. Booth.
- 49 Correspondence from Eleanor Weir Welch to Mary J. Booth.
- 50 Correspondence from Eva G. Wilkinson to Mary J. Booth.
- 51 Correspondence from Ada Wilson to Mary J. Booth.
- 52 Correspondence from Carrie L. Woodward to Mary J. Booth.
- 53 Correspondence from T.D. Woolsey to Mary J. Booth.
- 54 Correspondence from Ida F. Wright to Mary J. Booth.
- 55 Correspondence from Aunt Annie [-] to Mary J. Booth.
- 56 Correspondence from Cesarine [-] to Mary J. Booth.
- 57 Correspondence from Hazel S[-] to Mary J. Booth.

- 58 Correspondence from Jennie [-] to Mary J. Booth.
- 59 Correspondence from Joe [-] to Mary J. Booth.
- 60 Correspondence from Josie [-] to Mary J. Booth.
- 61 Correspondence from Marion & Roy [-] to Mary J. Booth.
- 62 Correspondence from Mary [-] to Mary J. Booth.
- 63 Unidentified Correspondence to Mary J. Booth.
- 64 Correspondence from Chicago Daily News to Mary J. Booth.
- 65 Class Reunions, Commencement Programs, Report cards, from Beloit College.
- 66 Congratulatory letters about the Dedication of the new library.
- 67 Correspondence from Doctors about diabetes.
- 68 D.A.R. Material.
- 69 Empty Envelopes.
- 70 Genealogy Letters.
- 71 Letters, drawings, photographs concerning the building of a house.
- 72 Materials from Charleston Reading Circle.
- 73 Materials from Charleston Reading Circle.
- 74 Materials on books for Charleston Reading Circle.
- 75 Mementoes - 1904 U. of I. Commencement

76 Misc. Postcards, Programs, & invitations.

77 Misc.

2 School notebooks. 1903-1904. 13 books.

Select bibliographies, book reviews,
discussion of cataloging, bookkeeping, reference
material. Arranged by subject.

3 1 Letters from Adelaide K. Hosse to MJB
(New York City Public Library. 1909-1914.

2 Letters form various institutions. 1908-1915.

Information requests and professional
correspondence to MJB from the
University of Illinois, Eastern Illinois
University, New York State Library, Illinois State
Historical Library, Michigan State, Wisconsin Free
Library), publishing companies (H.W. Wilson), state
agencies (Illinois State Efficiency Committee), and
other public institutions (NEA, ALA).

3 Letters from institutions.

Correspondence from institutions (ALA,
Illinois State Historical Library, Southwest Louisiana
Institute, State Teachers Library of Pennsylvania,
University of Chicago) regarding information requests
and congratulations.

4 Professional correspondence. May 13, 1922.

Correspondence form Clement Andrews at the John
Crevar Library regarding decimal classification.

5 Professional correspondence. 1922-1950.

Requests to MJB for materials from libraries,
public schools; Associated Eastern State Club

Newsletter; replies to materials requests from MJB; thank you notes for materials sent; application letter from H.W. Wilson Co. asking MJB to apply for editor's position.

6 Source material.

Handwritten notes (54) on reference books and information sources; 3 pages of reference books.

7 Typed and handwritten manuscripts. 1922-1942.

8 Charts and manuscripts.

Handwritten chart of Teacher's Colleges and Normal School Libraries salary statistics; manuscript version of article for Library Journal; copy of March 1925 Library Journal with same article published.

9 Curriculum plans. 1925-1927.

Drafts of curriculum plans for the instruction of Normal School Librarians and teachers; correspondence related to curriculum plans.

10 Drafts of commencement addresses and correspondence regarding these addresses.

Handwritten drafts of addresses to EIU Class of 1924 - "History of Eastern Illinois University"; High School graduating class of June, 1932 - "A Debtor to His Profession"; 1929, 1939 versions of "Problems of a Teacher's College Library." Correspondence from various Illinois colleges requesting she address them; includes her responses.

11 List of International Chamber of Congress Publications; 1 page description of photographs.

12 Statement by Committee on Normal School Libraries, Nat'l. Ed. Association., "A Measuring Stick For Normal School

Libraries." October, 1921.

- 13 Reports of Membership Committee, National Library Association, MJB, Chair, undated; recruitment letter form Illinois Library Association to prospective members, undated.
- 14 Handwritten graph charting library book budget and usage. 1900-1922.
- 15 Who's Who.
Three letters from publishers of Who's Who; solicitation of biography, proof of biography, solicitation of subscription.
- 16 Library memoranda. 1940-1944.
- 17 A.L.A. conferences.
I. D. tags: Tonka Bay, MN, 1908; Ottawa, Ont., 1912; Washington, D.C., 1914; Asbury Park, NJ, 1916; Louisville, KY, 1917; Colorado Springs, CO, 1920; Detroit, MI, 1922; Atlantic City, NJ, 1926; West Baden, IN, 1928; New Orleans, LA, 1932; Chicago, IL, 1933; Denver, CO, 1935; Richmond, VA, 1936; New York, NY, 1937; Kansas City, MO, 1938; Cincinnati, OH, 1940; Walking Tour Instructions.
- 18 Misc. newspaper clippings. 1908-1934.
- 19 Newspaper clippings. 1950.
Booth Library opening.
- 20 Newspaper clippings. 1931-1936.
Libraries.
- 21 Newspaper clippings. c. 1946.
Beloit College.
- 22 Newspaper clippings. C. 1924.
Beloit Church. Photocopy of Amsterdam Evening Recorder, New York.
- 23 Amsterdam Evening Recorder newspaper with reference to p. 12. July 22, 1930.

- 24 Amsterdam Evening Recorder newspaper with article on William Jay Kline. November 4, 1930.
- 25 Original and copy of I Speak for Democracy.
- 26 Newspaper clippings about Mark Train. 1905-1910.
- 27 Mary J. Booth obituaries.
Two photocopies. Five newspaper clippings.
One laminated clipping. January 2, 1965 Charleston Courier News.

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Document. December 2, 1917.
Red Cross information written in French.

Letter of recommendation. August 31, 1917.

Bank note. c. 1917.

Signed by Fred G. Hudson, cashier at the First National Bank, Charleston, IL.

Bank note. c. 1917.
From France.

Receipt, February 1, 1917.

To Mary J. Booth from American Fund for French wounded.

Manuscript. Undated.

Written by Mary J. Booth on her experiences overseas.

U. S. Flag.

Small replica, 48 stars.

Red Cross cap. c. 1917.

Red Cross two-corner hat. c. 1917.

Black fur with metal red and silver.

Red Cross sash. c. 1917.

Green, white and red silk, black velvet; red and silver metal cross.

Gauntlets. c.1917.

Red leather, buff suede, red and silver metal cross, silver-colored metal buttons.

Belt. c. 1917.

Red leather with cross-shaped metal clasp, metal chain and hook.

Receipt for French bank note. July 22, 1919.

From the National Park Bank of New York.

Address. c. 1917.

From American Library Association.

Insignia. c. 1917.

Red Cross, French words, metal.

Patch. c. 1917.

From the American Library Association.

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Photograph. February 24, 1948

Ground-breaking ceremony for Booth Library.

Photograph. W.W. I.

Mary J. Booth.

Picture book. W. W. I.

Coblentz.

Photographs, three.

Mary J. Booth, undated.

Minerva L. Booth, December 22, 1898.

Unidentified male (poss. father), undated.

Certificate. December 21, 1910
J. R. Booth, Morning Star Lodge

Photo Album. 1880-1940.
Booth family.

Autograph book. May 22, 1945.
Given to Mary J. Booth by friends on her
retirement.

Autograph book. January 27, 1884.
Given to Mary J. Booth by her father.

Diploma in leather case. March 7, 1866.
Masonic Lodge to John R. Booth.

Postcard album. W.W. I.
Postcards, photographs, newspaper
clippings.

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Published books and journal articles.

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