



Thursday, December 13, 2001

Dear Maurice Wheeler,

Your institutions project Detroit African American Women's Study Club Records 1899- has been selected as one to the initial pilot digitization projects selected by the Information Hub Development Committee and proved by the Board of Directors. We all are anxious to get the projects underway and completed by January 2003.

The monies used to initiate the pilot projects have been made available through the Ameritech Foundation grant through the Friends of the Detroit Public Library. DALNET must account for the progress of the projects and all expenditures. To facilitate the reporting we ask that you submit by January 15, 2002, a brief project timeline indicating key milestones (a one page summary is sufficient).

Brief project progress reports will be required on a quarterly basis. These reports should be no more than one page (a bulleted outline is fully acceptable). Due dates for the reports are:

March 20, 2002

June 30, 2002

September 30, 2002

A complete final report is due January 31, 2003.

The total amount allocated for your project is \$5,000. Funds will be issued on a reimbursement basis. You may request reimbursement on a monthly or quarterly basis, or request complete reimbursement in one payment at project completion. Please use the enclosed voucher form to request grant funds. Any allocated monies not spent by January 31, 2003 will be reallocated to the American Foundation grant.

As always, the DALNET staff is available to assist you. Please outline your specific needs for server space, web-related issues, and access schedules to the digital labs.

Please forward all reports, reimbursement requests and staff assistance needs to:

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Proposed Hub Project Detroit Study Club

An African American Womens' Literary Club, established 1899 in Detroit and still in existence. The papers and records are part of the Burton Collection of Detroit Public Library. In 1999 for the 100th year anniversary, a small part of their collection was printed in a booklet. The celebration was funded by The Kellogg Foundation, Comerica Inc., Ford Motor Company, and Ultimed HMO Michigan. All of these funders are potential supporters of a web-based database or interactive web exhibit for this organization. Dorothy Clark Hines, author of several books regarding African American women, has also done some research on this group.

Hines, D. C. (1998) Too heavy a load: Black women in defense of themselves. 1894-1994. , New York: Norton.

The text and pictures used in the centennial celebration are available on disk. Other pictures are available in Burton with more photos part of the private collections of the members.

The club follows the economic development and political influence of the City of Detroit. The club was an affiliate of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs and the National Association of Women's Clubs (founder Mary McLeod Bethune). This led them to participate in various charitable endeavors in the African American community.

The project has further possibilities since several very senior members are some of the first African American librarians trained at University of Michigan. It would be advantageous for oral interviews to be conducted with these ladies as a lead into other projects regarding librarianship in the SE Michigan area. Two of the original members were writers and editors of *Detroit Independence* and *Detroit Tribune*, both African American newspapers published in the 1920's. Many of the members were wives of the doctors featured in the exhibit of African American Detroit Hospitals, an exhibit funded by Kellogg Foundation and University of Michigan.
(see http://www.si.umich.edu/HCHS/Afroam/Afroam_manuscripts.html)

The collection includes:

Box 1

- Deed of Gift
- Constitutions
- Attendance Book Records 1932-1961
- Treasurer's Books 1925-1960; 1960-1991

Box 2

- Yearbooks 1898-1910
- Scrapbooks 1898-1928

Box 3

Minute Books 1898-1902; 1909-1912; 1936-1940; 1949-1957

Box 4

Minute Books 1957-1959; 1960-1961; 1980-

Box 5

Correspondence 1910-1980 (including correspondence from Booker T. Washington)

Boxes 6

Minutes, Officer's Reports, etc.

Box 7

Yearbooks 1905-present

Box 8

"Colored People of Early Detroit" by Angel Lambert
Newspaper clippings
Photographs of Presidents
Biographies of members

Box 9

90th anniversary; 75th anniversary; 60th anniversary; 50th anniversary
Detroit Association of Women's Clubs; Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs; Michigan Association of Colored Women's Clubs

Box 10

Miscellaneous

Notes:

The Detroit Study Club will host a meeting at WSU on April 22, 2001. They will be given a tour of the Adamany Undergraduate Library, a computer lab session introducing the library of the 20th century, and an introduction to the Hub concept of DALNET.

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