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Valerie Taylor Collection, 1913 – 1998; (bulk) 1926 – 1998

Accession Number: 1999-4

Fonds/Provenance: Valerie Taylor

Series Number: -

Title: Valerie Taylor Collection

Date Range: 1913 – 1998. bulk 1926 – 1998

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)

Location: K2D (Row K, Bay 2, Shelf D)

Collection History:

Valerie Taylor was born Velma Nacella Young in Aurora, Illinois on September 7, 1913. She was an author and poet. She is primarily known for writing mid-century lesbian pulp novels such as *The Girls in 3-B*, *Return to Lesbos*, *Stranger on Lesbos*, and *Whisper Their Love*. She also published work as Nacella Young, Francine Davenport, and Velma Tate.

Taylor was a co-founder of Mattachine Midwest in 1965 and edited its newsletter for several years. She also was a member of the Daughters of Bilitis and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Chicago and the Gray Panthers after she relocated to Tucson, Arizona. She also co-founded the Lesbian Writers' Conference in Chicago.

She died on October 22, 1997 in Tucson, Arizona.

Custodial History:

[No accession information available.]

Scope and Content:

Booklets largely of the poetry of Valerie Taylor, but also including some other writings and personal papers. The booklets were compiled by Tee A. Corine, the literary executor of her estate.

Arrangement:

13 individual booklets, largely in numbered order

Series:

- 1 Valerie Taylor: A Resource Book | Date Range: 1913 – 1998
- 2 Valerie Taylor Working Papers #1. Letters from Jeannette Howard Foster, Hazel M. Toliver, and Dot Ross to Valerie Taylor in Chicago, Margaretville, NY, and Tucson, AZ | Date Range: September 15, 1975 – April 19, 1983
- 3 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book One | Date Range: 1926 – 1930
- 4 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Two | Date Range: 1931 – 1936
- 5 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Three | Date Range: 1936 – 1940
- 6 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Four | Date Range: 1945 – 1946
- 7 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Five | Date Range: 1947 – 1949
- 8 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Six | Date Range: 1950 – 1956
- 9 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Seven | Date Range: 1957 – 1985
- 10 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Eight, A – Fa | Date Range: Undated to 1991
- 11 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Nine, Fa – No [Spine Mislabeled] | Date Range: Undated to 1991
- 12 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Ten, No – Th [Spine Mislabeled] | Date Range: Undated to 1991
- 13 Valerie Taylor: Poems, Book Eleven, Th – Ze | Date Range: Undated to 1991

Container List:

1 BOX

Series/File List:

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Separations:

None.

Restrictions:

No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H “Confidentiality Agreement” for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

Lesbian Authors

Women Authors

Women Poets

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