

McLean County Museum of History

**Bloomington-Normal Adult Education Collection**

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**Collection Information**

Volume of Collection:	One Box.
Collection Dates:	1947 - 2011
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**Historical Sketch**

The Adult Education program in Bloomington-Normal had its origins in 1935 and the New Deal WPA, though federal support for the program ended in 1942. Adult Education continued through Illinois State Normal University until 1947. That year local Adult Education became a partnership between ISNU, the Bloomington Board of Education, the Bloomington Association of Commerce, Illinois Wesleyan University, the YMCA, and Withers Library, the public library of Bloomington. Classes were held at Bloomington High School, ISNU, the YWCA, and Withers Library. Financing came from the Bloomington Public School system, ISNU, and from the fee charged for each course. By the 1950s there was record enrollment with a geographic base encompassing 28 surrounding towns. With austere beginnings, "Adult Ed" gradually became recognized as an integral part of the community and the continuing education of its residents. Co-director of the program, Josephine Munro, retired in 1972 after twenty-four years of dedication to its success.

## Scope and Content Notes

The collection contains brochures, course catalogs, staff directories, and miscellany. An incomplete run of brochures and catalogs, 1947 to 2011, can be found in Folders 1 through 7. Folder 8 contains the results of a 1988 survey; Folder 9 staff directories; Folder 10 a staff handbook for registration; and Folder 12 a nine-page history of adult education in Bloomington-Normal. Folders 14 and 15 contain retirement memorabilia and awards for Josephine Munro who spent 24 years with the program, retiring May 7, 1972.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: 1940s

- 1.1.1 "The Community School For Adults," 1947, brochure offering 24 courses, 2 copies.
- 1.1.2 "Adult Education Program," January, 1949, brochure, courses in five categories.
- 1.1.3 "Adult Education Program," September, 1949, booklet, nine categories, w/photos, 2 copies.
- 1.1.4 "Adult Education Program," Spring 1949, brochure, five categories, 2 copies.
- 1.1.5 "Adult Education Program," Fall 1949-50, booklet, nine categories, w/photos.

### Folder 2: 1950s

- 1.2.1 "Adult Education," Fall 1950, booklet, eleven categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.2 "Here It Is...Your Schedule of The Adult Education," booklet, Fall 1950, nine categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.3 "Looking Ahead in '51 with Adult Education," January, 1951, booklet, nine categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.4 "Adult Education," Fall 1951, booklet, nine categories.
- 1.2.5 "Adult Education," Fall 1952, brochure, eight categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.6 "Here's an Idea for You," Fall 1952, brochure, ten categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.7 "Some Lessons in Living," Spring 1953, brochure, nine categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.8 "How wise are you?" Fall 1953, brochure, nine categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.9 "How wise are you?" Spring 1954, brochure, nine categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.10 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Fall 1954, brochure, seven categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.11 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Fall 1955, brochure, eight categories.
- 1.2.12 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Fall 1955, brochure, seven categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.13 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Spring 1956, brochure, six categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.14 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Fall 1956, brochure, eight categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.15 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Spring 1957, brochure, eight categories.
- 1.2.16 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Fall 1957, brochure, eight categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.17 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Spring 1958, brochure, eight categories..

- 1.2.18 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Fall 1958, brochure, eight categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.19 "Here's Your Ticket To Better Living," Spring 1959, brochure, eight categories, 2 copies.
- 1.2.20 "Harvesting the fruits of the mind through education," Fall 1959, brochure, eight categories.

**Folder 3: 1960s**

- 1.3.1 "Harvesting the fruits of the mind through education," Spring 1960, brochure, ten categories, 2 copies.
- 1.3.2 "Harvesting the fruits of the mind through education," Fall 1960, brochure, eight categories, 2 copies.
- 1.3.3 "Harvesting the fruits of the mind through education," Spring 1961, brochure, seven categories.
- 1.3.4 "Harvesting the fruits of the mind through education," Fall 1961, brochure, eight categories, 2 copies.
- 1.3.5 "Harvesting the fruits of the mind through education," Spring 1962, brochure, eight categories.
- 1.3.6 "Harvesting the fruits of the mind through education," Fall 1962, brochure, eight categories w/photos, 2 copies.
- 1.3.7 "Harvesting the fruits of the mind through education," Fall 1963, brochure, eight categories w/photos.
- 1.3.8 "Harvesting the fruits of the mind through education," Fall 1963, brochure, eight categories.
- 1.3.9 "Adult Education," Fall 1964, brochure, seven categories w/photos.
- 1.3.10 "Adult Education," Fall 1964, brochure, seven categories w/photos.
- 1.3.11 "Adult Education," Fall 1965, brochure, seven categories w/photos.
- 1.3.12 "Adult Education," Fall 1965, brochure, seven categories w/photos.
- 1.3.13 "Adult Education," Fall 1966, brochure, seven categories w/photos.
- 1.3.14 "Adult Education," Fall 1966, brochure, eight categories w/photos.
- 1.3.15 "Adult Education," Fall 1967, brochure, eight categories w/photos.
- 1.3.16 "Adult Education," Fall 1967, brochure, eight categories w/photos, 2 copies.
- 1.3.17 "Adult Education," Fall 1968, brochure, eight categories w/photos, 2 copies.
- 1.3.18 "Adult Education," Fall 1968, brochure, eight categories w/photos.
- 1.3.19 "Adult Education," Spring 1969, brochure, eight categories w/photos.
- 1.3.20 "Adult Education," Fall 1969, booklet, sixteen categories w/photos.

**Folder 4: 1970s**

- 1.4.1 "Adult Education," Fall 1970, booklet, nine categories w/photos.
- 1.4.2 "Adult Education," Fall 1970, booklet, seven categories w/photos, 2 copies.
- 1.4.3 "Adult Education," Fall 1971, booklet, seven categories w/photos, 2 copies.
- 1.4.4 "Adult Education," Fall 1971, booklet, eight categories w/photos.
- 1.4.4 "Adult Education," Fall 1972, booklet, seven categories w/photos, 2 copies.
- 1.4.5 "Adult Education Classes," Fall 1972, *Pantagraph* insert, seven categories, 2 copies.
- 1.4.6 "Adult Education Classes," Fall 1973, *Pantagraph* insert, seven categories, 2 copies.
- 1.4.7 "Adult Education Classes," Fall 1974, *Pantagraph* insert, seven categories.

- 1.4.8 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1974, *Pantagraph* insert, seven categories, 2 copies.
- 1.4.9 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1975, *Pantagraph* insert, seven categories.
- 1.4.10 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1975, *Pantagraph* insert, seven categories.
- 1.4.11 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1976, *Pantagraph* insert, seven categories.
- 1.4.12 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1976 *Pantagraph* insert, fifteen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.4.13 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1977, *Pantagraph* insert, fifteen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.4.14 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1977, *Pantagraph* insert, eighteen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.4.15 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1977, *Pantagraph* insert, sixteen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.4.16 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1978, *Pantagraph* insert, seventeen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.4.17 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1979, *Pantagraph* insert, seventeen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.4.18 “Adult Education Classes,” Fall 1979, *Pantagraph* insert, twenty categories, 2 copies.

#### **Folder 5: 1980s**

- 1.5.1 “Adult Education,” Fall 1980, *Pantagraph* insert, twenty categories, 2 copies.
- 1.5.2 “Adult Education,” Fall 1980, *Pantagraph* insert, twenty four categories.
- 1.5.3 “Adult Education,” Fall 1981, *Pantagraph* insert, twenty four categories.
- 1.5.4 “Adult Education,” Fall 1983, *Pantagraph* insert, twenty one categories, 2 copies.
- 1.5.5 “Adult Education,” Fall 1983, *Pantagraph* insert, nineteen categories.
- 1.5.6 “Adult Education,” Fall 1984, *Pantagraph* insert, nineteen categories. 2 copies.
- 1.5.7 “Adult Education,” Fall 1984, *Pantagraph* insert, (partial copy).
- 1.5.8 “Adult Education,” Fall 1985, *Pantagraph* insert, nineteen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.5.9 “Adult Education,” Fall 1986, *Pantagraph* insert, nineteen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.5.10 “Adult Education,” Fall 1986, *Pantagraph* insert, nineteen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.5.11 “Adult Education,” Fall 1987, *Pantagraph* booklet, twenty five categories, 2 copies.
- 1.5.12 “Adult Education,” Fall 1987, *Pantagraph* booklet, twenty five categories.
- 1.5.13 “Adult Education,” Fall 1988, *Pantagraph* booklet, twenty one categories.
- 1.5.14 “Adult Education,” Fall 1988, *Pantagraph* booklet, seventeen categories.
- 1.5.15 “Adult Education,” Fall 1989, *Pantagraph* booklet, seventeen categories.

#### **Folder 6: 1990s**

- 1.6.1 “Your ship has come in!” Fall 1990, *Pantagraph* booklet, seventeen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.6.2 “Adult Ed and You, The Right Combination!” Fall 1991, *Pantagraph* booklet, seventeen categories, 2 copies.
- 1.6.3 “Picture Yourself In Adult Education,” Fall 1991, brochure, eleven categories, 2 copies.
- 1.6.4 “A ‘Touch’ Of What’s New In Adult Education,” Fall 1992, brochure, twelve categories, 2 copies.
- 1.6.5 “Stepping High With Adult Education,” Fall 1993, brochure, ten categories, 2 copies.

**Folder 7: 2000s**

1.7.1 “Community Education,” Fall 2011, catalogue, fifteen categories.

**Folder 8: Adult Education Survey Results, 1988**

1.8.1 Twenty- two page report includes course likes, dislikes, suggestions, and comments.

**Folder 9: Adult Education Directories**

1.9.1 Staff name, address and phone directories for 1983, 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990-91.

**Folder 10: Adult Education Registration Staff Handbook**

1.10.1 Process and protocol to be used by staff during registration, 1981, 1982.

**Folder 11: Real Estate Transactions Class**

1.11.1 Real Estate Transactions Course Outline, John Kleinsteiber, 1983.

**Folder 12: Bloomington-Normal Adult Education History**

1.12.1 “Adult Education in Bloomington-Normal,” by Jill Munro Vernon, w/references, nine pages, 2 copies.

**Folder 13: Miscellaneous**

1.13.1 Memorandum on “GED/Adult Literacy Program,” letterhead to Heartland Adult Education Area Planning Council Members, September 23, 1992, re: October 7 meeting w/attached agenda.

1.13.2 One page draft of recognition and thanks to teachers and other contributors to Adult Education successes, 1993.

1.13.3 “Passing of the Torch,” June 28, 1993, program, 2 copies

1.13.4 Place cards for Kim Astroth, Jon Astroth, Fred Peterson.

1.13.5 Scrap paper listing Jill Vernon ... Munro donations.

1.13.6 Brown envelope as scratch paper listing Adult Ed. Brochures for ‘50s, 60s.

1.13.7 Bloomington Normal Adult Education decal.

1.13.8 Poster advertising Bloomington-Normal continuing Adult Education, Fall Semester, 1975.

1.13.9 One sheet blank typing paper w/heading “ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM.”

1.13.10 “Adult Education in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois,” by Jill Vernon, 23 pages.

1.13.11 “McLean County Historical Society,” Gift Agreement for Adult Education material donated by Jill Munro Vernon.

**Folder 14: Josephine Munro professional bio, retirement letters and cards**

1.14.1 Josephine Munro professional bio (2 pages).

- 1.14.2 Letter from Superintendent of an Educational Service Region, April 18, 1972.
- 1.14.3 Letter from Board of Education, April 27, 1972.
- 1.14.4 Letter from State of Illinois, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, May 2, 1972.
- 1.14.5 Letter from McLean County Unit District No. 5, May 7, 1972
- 1.14.6 Letter from Illinois State University, Office of Insurance, May 7, 1972.
- 1.14.7 Letter from Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington, Illinois, May 8, 1972.
- 1.14.8 WJBC Editorial, May 9, 1972, 2 copies.
- 1.14.9 Letter from American Business Women's Association, May 16, 1972.
- 1.14.10 Letter from Board of Education, June 23, 1972.
- 1.14.11 Card from Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Huxel, Sr., May 5, 1972.
- 1.14.12 Card from B. Frey & R. Henline, May 5, 1972.
- 1.14.13 Gift card from Naomi, May 7, 1972.
- 1.14.14 Handwritten letter from O. & M. Knight, May 7, 1972.
- 1.14.15 Booklet of Thank you and Friendship poems from A. Adams, May 7, 1972.
- 1.14.16 Card from N. Moline, May 7, 1972.
- 1.14.17 Handwritten letter from G. Williams w/cover sheet, May 7, 1972.
- 1.14.18 Card from N. McClenney, May 7, 1972.
- 1.14.19 Telegram from E. Stein, May 7, 1972.
- 1.14.20 Card from A. Ritchie, May 8, 1972.
- 1.14.21 Personal letter from Ruth, May 9, 1972.
- 1.14.22 Card from V. & B. Marquis, May 9, 1972.
- 1.14.23 Business Memo from E. Dirks, May 9, 1972.
- 1.14.24 Card from Anna F. Stal... (illegible), May 10, 1972.
- 1.14.25 Card from E... (illegible), June 5, 1972.
- 1.14.26 Signed -undated cards/notes:
 

Virginia	Caroline & Ver (illegible)	
All at 713	V. & H. Harris	E. Hayes
C. & M. King	C. & R. Blake	E. Crissey
M. & G. Goelzer	M. & A. Jovall	E. Lierman
Sybil & Everett	J. Stewart	M. Bradford
Bob	J. Slagel	C. Lauer
Margaret E...	P. Juers	B. Knight
Virginia, ...	S. Ambrose	R. Flanagan
M. Lauer, et al	F. Dexter.	

**Folder 15: Munro Newspaper clippings, *Pantagraph* unless noted, plus Photos, Awards, and Miscellaneous.**

- 1.15.1 "Green-Mann Reunion," Hoopston pioneer families, undated.
- 1.15.2 "Playcrafters Cast Gives Comedy With All-Women Cast," w/photo, undated, 2 copies
- 1.15.3 "BTU Elects Officers," undated.
- 1.15.4 "Winnie West," entertainment from summer school camp, w/photo, undated.
- 1.15.5 With The Sportsmen, "Small World After All," Munro family vacation, undated.
- 1.15.6 "Anniversary," Scouts award Josephine B. Munro Thanks Badge, w/photo, undated.
- 1.15.7 "Career Woman Award Goes to Mrs. Munro," as director of Adult Education, undated, 2 copies.

- 1.15.8 "Mrs. Munro to be honored at reception," for 24 years in creation and development of Adult Ed., undated.
- 1.15.9 Professional Profiles, "Adult Education Still Growing," w/photo, undated.
- 1.15.10 Projecting slides: w/photo, Apr. 1947.
- 1.15.11 "Underwood Reviews Planned Recreation," October 28, 1949.
- 1.15.12 "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary For Camp Peairs," "Centrillio Council of Girl Scouts," *The McLean County Community News*, w/photo, September 27-October 3, 1989.
- 1.15.13 "Girl Scouts celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp Peairs," *The Normalite*, September 7, 1989.
- 1.15.14 "Joey' retires," reception for Mrs. Munro, w/photos, May 8, 1972, (2 copies).
- 1.15.15 8" x 10" glossy photo, Adult Ed. Class.
- 1.15.16 "Presbywed Class 1946-1947 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Bible School," class history booklet w/photo.
- 1.15.17 Pere Marquette Hotel-Lodge stationery letter to Joie from Bonnie Hawk, congratulations on award, October 8, no year.
- 1.15.19 Card to Mrs. Munro, "Congratulations on being selected Career Woman of the Year," from A. Eikenberry, October 6, 1960.
- 1.15.20 Illinois Wesleyan University letterhead congratulations from Pedro Juan Labarhi, October 6, 1960.
- 1.15.21 Appreciation letter from Mrs. A. W. Thompkins, September 18, 1965.
- 1.15.22 "State of Illinois, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction" letter of Best Wishes and sending certificate, December 15, 1965, and "State of Illinois Certificate of Teacher Training in Adult Education,"
- 1.15.23 "The Illinois Adult Education Association," certificate presented to Josephine Munro, April 14, 1972.
- 1.15.24 "Bloomington Public Schools," certificate presented to Josephine Munro, June, 1972.
- 1.15.25 "Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society," Honors Josephine Munro, January 20, 1986.
- 1.15.26 "McLean County Historical Society," Gift Agreement for Josephine Munro retirement recognition by Jill Munro Vernon.