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Yvonne Zipter Papers (1978 – 2004)

Accession Number: 2016-3

Fonds/Provenance: **Yvonne Zipter Papers**

Series Number: -

Title: Yvonne Zipter Papers

Date Range: 1978-2004

Extent: 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

Location: K1D (Row K, Bay 1, Shelf D)

Collection History:

Yvonne Zipter is an award-winning poet, humorist, essayist, and columnist in the gay and lesbian press. She is the author of an essay collection titled *Ransacking the Closet*, selections from which won an Illinois Arts Council finalist award. She also wrote a nonfiction retrospective of lesbian softball, *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend*, and a poetry collection, *The Patience of Metal*, which was a runner-up for the Poetry Society of America's Melville Cane Award and a Lambda Literary Award finalist.

Custodial History:

The collection was donated by Yvonne Zipter on February 4th, 1995.

Scope and Content:

The collection has two boxes. One box is completely full and the 2nd box is half full. There are many drafts of *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend*, including the expandable folder; newspaper articles and magazines 1978-1990, questionnaires, correspondence; ten audio cassette tapes, interviews, one envelope with 40th birthday materials, including a book of haiku, *A Whole New Ball Game: An Interpretation of American Sports* by Allen Guttman, Softball photos with chapter notes, *Sports Poll 1986* Sports Illustrated book, 1986 souvenir program of The All American Girls Pro Baseball League, Fort Wayne, IN for 1943-1954.

Arrangement:

The collection encompasses 1 linear foot of materials organized into two boxes. The collection is arranged into separate series by type of material and theme based on the discretion of the processing archival intern. Materials are described down to the item level when applicable, but the collection is mostly described down to the folder level. Most series received a date range, applied at the discretion of the processing archival intern.

Series:

1. Materials Used in *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend* (Expandable Folder)| Date Range: 1986-1988
2. Material To Be Used in *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend*| Date Range: 1986-1988
3. Rough Drafts | Date Range: 1986-1988
4. Final Draft of *Diamonds*| Date Range: 1987-1988
5. *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend* Binder | Date Range: 1988
6. Fan Letters | Date Range: 1988-2002
7. 40th birthday party and haiku book | Date Range: 1994
8. Memos and Agenda's | Date Range: 1992-2004
9. Major Writers | Date Range: 1983-1985
10. Photographs | Date Range: n.d.
11. Correspondence | Date Range: 1986-1988
12. Books/Pamphlets Used | Date Range: 1986-1988
13. Notecards | Date Range: n.d.
14. Cassette Tape Interviews | Date Range: 1986-1999
15. Items | Date Range: n.d.

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. Materials Used in *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend* (Expandable Folder)

- 0.01 Ongoing
- 0.02 General and Public Correspondence
- 1.01 Intro
- 1.02 History
- 1.03 Early Experiences
- 1.04 Softball as Refuge
- 1.05 Aesthetics
- 1.06 Jocks & Feminists
- 1.07 Love
- 1.08 Sponsors
- 1.09 Racism, Sexism, and Heterosexism
- 1.10 Full Count
- 1.11 Appendixes
- 1.12 Questionnaires

2. Materials to Be Used in Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend

- 2.1 Materials To Be Used #1
- 2.2 Materials To Be Used #2
- 2.3 Materials To Be Used #3
- 2.4 Materials To Be Used #4

3. Rough Drafts

- 3.1 Rough Drafts of Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend

4. Final Drafts

- 4.1 Final Draft of *Diamonds*

BOX 2

5. Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend Binder

6. Fan Letters

- 6.1 Fan Letters

7. 40th Birthday Party and Haiku Book

- 7.1 40th Birthday Party and Haiku Book

- Item: 8.5 x 5.5 inches. *On the Cusp of My Half Life: "40 Haiku for 40 friends on My 40th Birthday,"* by Yvonne Zipter.

8. Memo's and Agenda's

- 8.2 Memos + Agenda's

9. Major Writers

9.1 Major Writers -Folder included with Memos + Agenda's and baseball glove. They are fastened together with a rubber band.

10. Photographs

- 10.1 Slide Photographs
- 10.2 Contact sheets of softball photographs

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Correspondence

12. Books/Pamphlets Used

13. Notecards

14. Cassette Tape Interviews

15. Items

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

Homosexuality--Social aspects

Homosexuality--Societies, etc

Softball for Women

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