

THE MILES POETRY COMMITTEE COLLECTION

Papers, 1946-1974

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Accession Number 150

The papers of the Miles Poetry Committee originally were given to the University Archives by Mrs. George Drury in November, 1964, and were open to researchers May, 1965. Additional material was added by Chester Cable in September, 1974.

The Miles Modern Poetry Room and Miles Poetry Committee were established in 1946 with funds collected by Dorothy Thompson Miles and friends of Theodore Miles, assistant professor of English, who was killed in World War II. As a memorial to Miles, the Miles Modern Poetry Room was established by Wayne University and was located in the General Library. The Room was formally opened in January, 1947, was used by the Committee and housed a continuing collection comprised primarily of books of poetry, manuscripts, and recordings of poets reading their works.

Since 1949, the Miles Poetry Committee has sponsored an annual Modern Poetry Week which includes visits by famous poets for lectures and readings of their poetry, and student-faculty poetry readings.

The papers of the Miles Poetry Committee reflect contributions to the encouragement of culture, in the form of modern poetry, on the campus of Wayne University and later, Wayne State University.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Miles Poetry Room
Modern Poetry Week
Student poetry

Among the correspondents are: (an index to the location of these letters may be found on the last page of this guide)

Berryman, John	Miles, Dorothy
Bogan, Louise	Moore, Marianne
Brinnin, John Malcolm	Peck, George
Brooks, Cleanth	Purdy, G. Flint
Cable, Chester	Randall, Dudley
Ciardi, John	Spender, Stephen
Cummings, E.E.	Shapiro, Karl
Drury, Finvola	Stearns, Martin
Hillyer, Robert	Stevens, Wallace
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Correspondence and financial data of the Miles Poetry Committee and correspondence, programs, clippings and poetry pertaining to the annual Modern Poetry Weeks are contained in this collection. Papers of the Miles Poetry Committee are arranged chronologically and precede papers pertaining to Poetry Weeks, which are also listed in chronological order. Collections of poetry and miscellaneous items from the Miles Poetry Room are last.

Miles Memorial Poets

1947	Cleanth Brooks	1959	Stanley Kunitz
1948	Stephen Spender	1960	Robert Lowell
1949	Randall Jarrell	1961	Karl Shapiro
1950	Dylan Thomas	1962	Randall Jarrell
1951	Oscar Williams	1963	Archibald Macleish
1952	John Berryman		Mark Van Doren
1953	Louise Bogan	1964	Anthony Hecht
1954	John Ciardi	1966	W.D. Snodgrass
1955	Stephen Spender	1967	John B. Logan
1956	Richard Wilbur	1968	Anthony Hecht
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	Donald Hall		
	Anthony Hecht		

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