

THURSDAY, JULY 30
5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

Walter P. Reuther Library
5401 Cass Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202
Wayne State University



FLORA HOMMEL

A Labor of Love

Celebrate the life and works of Detroit and Lamaze childbirth method pioneer Flora Hommel through her collection at the Reuther Library



Join us for an opportunity to learn more about the late Flora Hommel and her collection at the Reuther Library through a display and discussion featuring local historians, Hommel's family and Michigan Congressman John Conyers, Jr.

Flora Hommel was one of the pioneers who brought the Lamaze psychoprophylactic method of painless childbirth to the United States, establishing an important teaching organization in Detroit, the Childbirth Without Pain Education Association (CWPEA). An alumna of Wayne State University's College of Nursing, Hommel championed the rights of women to control childbirth, creating a grass-roots movement contemporaneous with the women's movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

Most of Hommel's collection at the Reuther Library is comprised of CWPEA documents and correspondence from its establishment through the 1990s. It includes records of events, classes and projects, including the birthing center and the making of an American version of the well-respected French childbirth film "Naissance." The collection also holds many birth reports, extensive narrations of the birth experiences of CWPEA students. For more information, contact Archivist Louis Jones at 313-577-0263 or louis.jones@wayne.edu.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Parking will be available in Structure 1 for \$7, credit card only. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/oa3bmrw> to RSVP.