

# Junior League of New Orleans Collection

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Provenance:</b>	Received from the Junior League of New Orleans
<b>Title:</b>	Junior League of New Orleans Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1929 - 1995
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection includes scrapbooks arranged by the Junior League of New Orleans. The scrapbooks include newspaper articles involving the League's volunteer work, events, politics, current events, etc., photographs of League members, recipes, and magazine cut-outs on fashion, décor, and more.
<b>Extent:</b>	34 Boxes

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## Biographical / Historical Note

The Junior League of New Orleans was established by 10 women dedicated to creating a community improvement group for women. The JLNO was admitted into the AJLA on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1924 with forty members. Over its lifetime, JLNO has supported projects and programs at the Audubon Zoo, New Orleans Museum of Art, Louisiana Children's Hospital, Charity Hospital, Children's Art Council, Kids in the Kitchen, Bayou District, and Kingsley House to name a few.

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## Scope and Content

This collection includes 43 scrapbooks of newspaper articles, magazine clippings, and photographs documenting women's history, philanthropy work and community involvement/improvement in the City of New Orleans.

### Subjects:

General Pershing	Preservation Resource Center
Isaac Delgado Museum of Art	The American Junior League
New Orleans Museum of Art	Association
New Orleans Recreation Development	The Junior League
Commission	The Junior League of New Orleans

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## Access of Use Restrictions

### Access

Collection is **open** for research

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## Related or Separated Materials

Boxes 3 (containing scrapbook 3) and 33 (containing scrapbooks 40 and 41) are shelved with oversized materials.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

Junior League of New Orleans Collection, Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

### **Acquisition Information**

This collection was a gift from The Junior League of New Orleans in 2014.

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## **Contents List:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
Box 1	1929	Scrapbook 1: scrapbook for the 9 <sup>th</sup> annual American JL Conference which took place in New Orleans and was hosted by the JLNO. Dimensions: 11.25" x 9 x 2"
Box 2	1929-1934	Scrapbook 2: April 1920 Fifth Annual JL Revue at Tulane Theatre, advertising/fundraising for revue (nutrition center and thrift shop), fashion related to revue. Dimensions: 13" x 19" x 3".
Box 3 oversized	1934-1935	Scrapbook 3: JL events from the year including Cruise Ball fundraiser held at the Southern Yacht Club and the JL's first Mardi Gras ball. News articles about Junior League broadening its fundraising activities and the Nutrition Center/Community Center. Dimensions: 19.5" x 23.5" x 3"
Box 4	1935-1937	Scrapbook 4: JL activities from 1935-1937 including Mardi Gras pictures, JLNO members dressed in costume, horse show at Jefferson Race Track sponsored by JL, JL Camp Onward for children, Richard Cole and his orchestra play at JL Carnival Masquerade Ball, Cornelius Skinner one woman theatre act sponsored by JLNO, Colleen Moore's dollhouse costing \$430,000 (a miniature castle) exhibited at DH Holmes store in 1937 to benefit crippled and underprivileged children. Dimensions: 16" x 18" x 2".
Box 5	1937-1938	Scrapbook 5: JL activities for the year, "paparazzi" style photographs of JLNO members attending meetings, 1937 League Camp for children and thrift store in French Quarter on Bourbon Street, a play called "Indian Captive" and a play center for the children in the Vieux Carre that was built up and passed on to another community organization. Dimensions: 16" x 18" x 2".
Box 6	1938-1939	Scrapbook 6: Green leather book with gold detailing on cover. Includes articles on Wizard of Oz at La Petite Theater, board member elections, and society columns. Dimensions: 14.5" x 12" x 1.5".

Box 7	May 1939–March 1940	Scrapbook 7: Brown bound scrapbook with loose pages. Topics include: society columns, individual member features, Shakespeare production, children’s puppet show, photographs of Newcomb College, Wizard of Oz production, formation of the Garden Club, floral show, officer elections, and luncheons. Dimensions: 16” x 12.5” x 1”.
Box 8	1938-1941	Scrapbook 8: Fragile Scrapbook with newspaper clippings and photographs. Topics and items include: headshots of JL presidents and leaders from different cities, children’s theatre articles from each year at the Le Petite Theatre including “Indian Captive,” “Tatter coats and the Black Prince”, and “Wizard of Oz,” a copy of a play script by Elizabeth McCormick, Ways and Means chart of JL chapters across the nation, newspapers from Jackson, MS. about their JL, various articles about meetings and events (can also view articles about Nazi Germany). Dimensions: 12.75” x 10.5” x ?.
Box 9	1940-1941	Scrapbook 9: Rumpelstiltskin production, social events (weddings, etc...), JL conventions, national defense duties, fashion shows. Dimensions: 15” x 12.25” x 2”.
		Scrapbook 10: Brown scrapbook with pages falling out. Dimensions: 11.5” x 16” x 2”.
Box 10	1941-1942	Scrapbook 11: Brown scrapbook with pages falling out. Topics include Community Chest Campaign, Spring Flower Show/Garden Club, Women in War-Time, JLNO training program for nurse aid volunteers, Luncheon Fashionades at Godchaux’s, dances for soldiers, Children’s play “Land of Oz,” JLNO training course on prep for welfare program work. Dimensions: 14” x 17” x 1”.
Box 11	1942-1944	Scrapbook 12: Some pages of this large bound scrapbook are intact, others have become unattached. Contents include letters back and forth to/from a woman in New York who was asked to come to New Orleans flower show to do a lecture on flower arrangements, a pamphlet about the Song Birds of Louisiana by Ambrose Daigre, articles about JL members selling war bonds, including images of women dressed as Uncle Sam/Santa Clause to sell war bonds, article about a Hindu author who was coming to New Orleans to speak, JL essay contest for school-age children to peak their interest in India, society page clippings. Dimensions: 17” x 14” x 3”.
Box 12	1942-1944	Scrapbook 13: Junior League Magazine Dimensions: 30 x 13.5” x 12”.

Box 13	1944-1946	Scrapbook 14: Fragile brown scrapbook with cover falling off. Mostly engagement announcements for the JLNO members and articles on women's events while men are serving overseas on active duty. Charity Hospital to get therapist paid for by the JLNO and the Bond Campaign. Dimensions: 15 x 12.5" x 2".
	1945-1946	Scrapbook 15: 21 <sup>st</sup> anniversary year, fashion shows, JL pays for therapist at charity hospital, Red Cross. Dimensions: 11.5" x 9.5" x 1".
	1946-1947	Scrapbook 16: Brown cover with the US crest on cover. JL puppet show, engagement and family names, thrift shop, Red Cross. Dimensions: 12" x 15" x 1.5".
Box 14	1946-1948	Scrapbook 17: Black cover with articles and information on the children's reading program, fashion (best dressed), flower show, tea, society pages, and Charity Hospital. Dimensions: 16.5" x 18.6" x 2".
Box 15	1949-1950	Scrapbook 18: Scrapbook has a black cover and the contents include the drama club, Funbook (sick children in Charity get books to entertain while being treated for Polio), NORD, "Mother Goose and Politics do mix." Dimensions: 12.5" x 16" x 1.5".
Box 16	1950	Scrapbook 19: Scrapbook has a green padded cover with a gold square border. It contains mostly photographs without captions: the merry-go-round, the JL coffee shop, anti-iron curtain, art exhibit, and Egyptian mummy. Dimensions: 13" x 14" x 1.5".
Box 17	1951-1952	Scrapbook 20: "Record of Public Relations," puppet show: "The Magic Sneeze," information stations for military at train stations, regional conference, New Orleans Museum of Modern Art exhibit on Africa. Dimensions: ? x ? x ?.
	1952-1953	Scrapbook 21: A meeting at New Orleans Country Club, puppet festival time, JL members guide children through Delgado Museum of Art, Garden Club Luncheon, League works with American Cancer Society. Dimensions: 11.5" x 14.5" x 1.75".
Box 18	1953-1954	Scrapbook 22: 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, League members explain collection of paintings that the French Government lent to children, famous designer Charles James of New York City lends celebrity gowns to league for benefit style show in New Orleans, League members participate in Delgado Art Museum, Educational outreach with American Cancer Society. Dimensions: 11.5" x 16" x 2".

Box 19	1954-1955	Scrapbook 23: League members work as guides at Delgado Museum of Art during its Vincent Van Gogh exhibit, show off new puppets for next season's shows, guide children's art show, the Christmas Bureau, providing aid to the family and child welfare division of the council of social agencies, recondition toys for the Children's ward at Charity Hospital, dedication for the Crippled Children's Hospital. Dimensions: 11" x 11.5" x 1.5".
Box 20	1955-1956	Scrapbook 24: Cerebral palsy nursery school, JL meetings, firefighting exhibit at Delgado, puppet show touring New Orleans, print making display at Delgado, Children's theatre play, radio advertisement text. Dimensions: 12" x 16" x 2".
Box 21	1956-1957	Scrapbook 25: JL meetings, theatre performances, new project called "Toy Workshop," JL's sponsorship of the Greek exhibit at Delgado, the text for radio advertisements for the thrift shop. Dimensions: 12" x 13" x 1".
Box 22	1957-1958	Scrapbook 26: Mayor Chep Morrison gives JL key to the city, JL sustainers donate Christmas gifts to JL thrift shop, JL presents roaring 20s song and dance to encourage other league members to participate in the Follies of '58, a benefit show to raise funds for charitable and civic projects, Mayor Morrison presents league president with a proclamation observing May 1 <sup>st</sup> as JL Day, the same day the follies were presented. JL nets \$33,000 from Follies. Dimensions: 11.5" x 13.5" x 1.5".
	1959-1960	Scrapbook 27: JL funded creation of curator of education for Delgado Museum of Art and renovated museum, JL sponsors five touring Broadway shows, volunteers for preschoolers at the School for the Deaf, sponsors summer workshop for "Retarded Girls" and informs the group that a camp would be established in Covington. Dimensions: 11.25" x 13.5" x 1.75".
Box 23	1960-1961	Scrapbook 28: Bloomin' Deals thrift store moves to Ferret Street, puppet show, and vocational center. Book pages are very brittle and falling apart. Dimensions: 12" x 14.5" x 2".
Box 24	1961	Scrapbook 29: Junior League of New Orleans' past president's photographs. Dimensions: 12.5" x 14.5" x 3".
Box 25	1961	Scrapbook 30: NORD Children's Theater: "Rapunzel and the Witch," photos, costume designs, and programs. Dimensions: 19" x 17" x 1.25".
Box 26	1961-1962	Scrapbook 31: Newspaper articles: right job for the volunteer, puppet show, museum docents, vocational school, the Kingsley House, salon. Dimensions: 11.5" x 13.5" x 2".

	1963-1964	Scrapbook 32: 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary: extra lagniappes, booklet: "Gentle Art of Boardmanship," courtesy drive, Reader's Digest, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. Dimensions: 12" x 14" x 2".
Box 27	1964-1965	Scrapbook 33: museum tours, Holman Vocational Center, \$5,000 donation toward Degas painting, Wizard of Oz. Dimensions: 12 x 14 x 2.
Box 28	1966	Scrapbook 34: white scrapbook with gold detail. Hurricane Betsy and the emergency aid, project Headstart, AJLI regional meeting in New Orleans, Charity Hospital mental Health. Dimension: 16.5" x 14" x 2".
Box 29	1966-1967	Scrapbook 35: Brown "Snaps and Scraps" book with gold details. Museum program at Delgado and Presbytere, mental health care, JL's move to a new building, young audiences, light house for the blind. Dimensions: 12.5" x 15" x 2".
Box 30	1967-1968	Scrapbook 36: a white book with gold detail including articles on the children's theater, museum programs, European trip, and Headstart. Dimensions: 12.75" x 14.5" x 1.5".
	1971	Scrapbook 37: Green book with gold details. May 13, 1971 is JL Day in New Orleans by proclamation of Moon Landrieu, Follies. Dimensions: 14" x 12.5" x 1.5".
Box 31	1981	Scrapbook 38: Brown book with "Scrap Book" written on the front. Includes articles on parenting skills, the nature center, Julia Jump, and the Holman Center. Dimensions: 13" x 14" x 1.5".
Box 32	1986	Scrapbook 39: Blue and white padded book with recipes, articles on United Way, saving historic places, Canal Gardens, Algiers Waterfall, the Parenting Center. Dimensions: 11" x 12" x 2".
Box 33 oversized	1992	Scrapbook 40: black scrapbook including articles about Bloomin' Deals, Christmas Market, fashion shows, volunteering to save historic places, voter registration. Dimensions: 20" x 24.75" x 1".
	1995	Scrapbook 41: black scrapbook including articles about the decorator's show house, teen programs, and the Louisiana Nature Center. Dimensions: 20" x 24.75" x 1".
Box 34	1959	Scrapbook 42: The Voice of New Orleans Public Schools. Radio Station and News. Dimensions: 9.25" x 11" x 1.25".
	undated	Scrapbook 43: an Ideal Scrapbook with articles relating to General Pershing. Dimensions: 15.75" x 11.5" x 1".