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Collection Information

Abstract:

Correspondence, artwork, books, photographs, and ephemera created and collected by Lincoln author Jane Langton. (4.5 linear feet)

Finding Aid:

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Provenance:

This collection was donated to the Lincoln Public Library by author Jane Langton and accessioned by the Library in 2006.

MARC Access:

Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings.

Langton, Jane, 1922-
Maguire, Gregory -- Correspondence.
Paton Walsh, Jill -- Correspondence.
Townsend, John Rowe -- Correspondence.
Gorey, Edward, 1925-2000 -- Correspondence.
Sendak, Maurice -- Correspondence.
McCully, Emily Arnold -- Correspondence.
Blegvad, Erik -- Correspondence.
Levin, Betty -- Correspondence.
Rogers, Jean -- Correspondence.
Rogers, George -- Correspondence.
Lupoff, Richard A., 1935- -- Correspondence.
Avery, Gillian, 1926- -- Correspondence.
Burkert, Nancy Ekholm -- Correspondence.
Parry, Marian -- Correspondence.
Meltzer, Milton -- Correspondence.
Ruley, Meg -- Correspondence.
Garden, Nancy -- Correspondence.
Gormley, Beatrice -- Correspondence.
Lewis, Alison Cummings -- Correspondence.
Fitz-Gerald, Clark B. (Clark Battle), 1917-2004 -- Correspondence.
Durrell, Ann -- Correspondence.
Pearlman, Edith, 1936- -- Correspondence.
American literature -- 20th century.
American literature -- Women authors.
Children's literature, American.

Children's literature, American --Illustrations.
Detective and mystery stories, American.
Illustrators -- United States -- Correspondence.
Authors, American -- Correspondence.
Concord (Mass.)
Lincoln (Mass.)
Women authors, American -- Massachusetts --Lincoln. lcs
Women illustrators -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. lcs

Historical/Biographical Notes

Jane (Gillson) Langton is an American author of children's literature and mystery novels. Langton was born on December 30, 1922 in Boston, Massachusetts, and has since made the Boston suburb of Lincoln a long-time home. Continually inspired by the environment in which she lives, Langton often incorporates the history, literary tradition, and landscapes of the neighboring town of Concord, Massachusetts in her novels.

Langton studied at Wellesley College and completed her Bachelor's degree in Astronomy at the University of Michigan in 1944. In 1945, she completed her Master's degree in Art History from the University of Michigan and earned another M.A. from Radcliffe College in 1948. She continued graduate studies at the Boston Museum School of Art in 1958-1959.

Since 1961, Langton has written, illustrated, and published numerous books and novels in the Picture Book, Children's Literature, and Mystery genres. Among her works include two series of novels: a children's fantasy series about the Hall Family of Concord, Massachusetts (1962-2008), and a murder mystery series known as the Homer Kelly novels (1964-2005).

Langton has been recognized for her accomplishments in writing. In 1962 she was nominated for the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Award for *The Diamond in the Window*. In 1980 she received a Newbery Honor Book Award for her book, *The Fledgling*. She went on to receive the Nero Wolfe Award (1984) and another Edgar Award nomination (1985) for her mystery novel, *Emily Dickinson Is Dead*. In 2000, she was the recipient of the Bouchercon Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to being a writer and illustrator, Langton has taught at the Graduate Center for the Study of Children's Literature, Simmons College (1979-80) and the Eastern Writers' Conference, Salem State College.

Source:

Contemporary Authors Online, Gale, 2009. Reproduced in Biography Resource Center. Farmington Hills, Mich.: Gale, 2009.

<http://galenet.galegroup.com.wlmpoxy.minlib.net/servlet/BioRC>

Scope and Content

This collection is comprised of correspondence, artwork, and other materials written, collected, and donated by Jane Langton. Because Ms. Langton actively corresponded with various authors and illustrators, these letters give insight to not only her relationships with these individuals, but also the development of work created by them. (See list of regular correspondents below.)

The collection is arranged by series. Documents within the folders are arranged chronologically.

Alphabetical List of Correspondents:

Avery, Gillian
Blegvad, Erik and Lenore
Burkert, Nancy
Durrell, Ann
Fitzgerald, Clark
Garden, Nancy
Gorey, Edward
Gormley, Beatrice
Hodgkin, Marni
Levin, Alvin and Betty
Lewis, Alison Cummings
Lowenthal, David and Jane
Lupoff, Dick
Maguire, Gregory
McCully, Emily Arnold
Meltzer, Milton
Parry, Marian
Paton-Walsh, Jill
Pearlman, Edith
Rogers, George and Jean
Ruley, Meg
Sendak, Maurice
Townsend, John (see also *Paton-Walsh, Jill*)

Series Descriptions

Series 1: CORRESPONDENCE, 1970-2006 - Jane Langton and Betty Levin. (5 folders)

Series 2: HISTORY OF VANDERHOOF HARDWARE, Concord - booklet by JL. (1 folder)

Series 3: CORRESPONDENCE AND ART, 1970-2006 - Jane Langton and Emily Arnold McCully. (6 folders)

Series 4: CORRESPONDENCE, 1997-1999 - Jane Langton and Edward Gorey. (1 folder)

Series 5: CORRESPONDENCE, 1970s, 1995-2006 - Jane Langton and George & Jean Rogers. (2 folders)

Series 6: CORRESPONDENCE, 1991-2003 - Jane Langton and Dick Lupoff. (5 folders)

Series 7: Christmas Cards (1948, 1960-2005) and Shakespeare Cards (1980s-1990s), by Jane Langton. (2 folders)

Series 8: Conversational Italian Homework, 2000-2004, by Jane Langton. (7 folders)

Series 9: CORRESPONDENCE, 1984-2005 - Jane Langton and Gillian Avery. (3 folders)

Series 10: CORRESPONDENCE and ART, 1969-2006 - Jane Langton and Nancy Burkert. (5 folders)

Series 11: CORRESPONDENCE, etc., 1997-2006 - Jane Langton and Jill Paton Walsh/John Townsend. (17 folders)

Series 12: CORRESPONDENCE, etc., 1996-2005 - Jane Langton and Marian Parry. (7 folders)

Series 13: CORRESPONDENCE, ARTWORK, etc., 1966-2007 - Jane Langton and Erik & Lenore Blegvad. (6 folders)

Series 14: CORRESPONDENCE, POEMS, etc., 1975-2007 - Jane Langton and Gregory Maguire. (4 folders)

Series 15: CORRESPONDENCE, 1972-2001 - Jane Langton and Milton Meltzer. (3 folders)

Series 16: CORRESPONDENCE, 1991-2005 - Jane Langton and Meg Ruley (Jane Rotrosen Agency). (5 folders)

Series 17: CORRESPONDENCE, 1977-1986 - Jane Langton and Nancy Garden. (1 folder)

Series 18: CORRESPONDENCE, 1979-1983, 1992-2004 - Jane Langton and Beatrice Gormley. (2 folders)

Series 19: CORRESPONDENCE, 1947-1986 - Jane Langton and Alison Cummings Lewis. (3 folders)

Series 20: CORRESPONDENCE, ART, etc. 1982-1999 - Jane Langton and Clark Fitzgerald. (6 folders)

Series 21: CORRESPONDENCE, 1974-1983 - Jane Langton and Ann Durrell (senior editor, Dutton Children's Books). (1 folder)

Series 22: CORRESPONDENCE - Jane Langton and Maurice Sendak. (1 folder)

Series 23: CORRESPONDENCE - Jane Langton and British writers: Lucy Boston, Penelope Farmer, Harry Keating, Patrick McGinley, Philippa Pearce, Ann Schlee, Jane Gardam. (1 folder)

Series 24: CORRESPONDENCE, 1975(?)-2007 - Jane Langton and Edith Pearlman. (1 folder)

Series 25: CORRESPONDENCE - Jane Langton and various (American) writers and illustrators
- See complete list in folder 1. (4 folders)