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Karen Merry (Paradigm Women's Bookstore)
Collection, 1978-1991

FINDING AID AUTHOR

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION

Karen Merry donated these materials to Lambda Archives of San Diego on April 24, 1994.

PROCESSING INFORMATION

This collection was processed by Gabrielle Garcia as part of the 2020 CSL Project.

EXTENT

Number of containers: 1

Linear feet of shelf space: 0.5

ABSTRACT

BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY

Karen Merry was the owner of Paradigm Women's Bookstore and Alternative Music and a long-time social worker. Merry purchased Paradigm, originally only a music retailer, in 1984. Paradigm predominantly focused on women's and lesbian's literature and music. She'd been raised Methodist and had intentions to become a missionary before abandoning that goal to become a social worker. Merry earned her master's in social work from San Diego State University (SDSU) and worked for the San Diego County Department of Social Services for 14 years. Merry was active in Las Hermanas and edited the lesbian newspaper *Thursday's Child*.

De Beque, Roland. "A Lesbian Cultural Renewal." *Gay and Lesbian Times*, no. 171, 4 Apr. 1991, p. 6. *Archives of Sexuality and Gender*, link.gale.com/apps/doc/EHYILO632897352/AHSI?u=lambda&sid=bookmark-AHSI&xid=87a648a6. Accessed 23 Aug. 2021.

Padgett, Abbie. "Women—At Work." *Gay and Lesbian Times*, no. 219, 5 Mar. 1992, p. 19+. *Archives of Sexuality and Gender*, link.gale.com/apps/doc/LYLHFK917946814/AHSI?u=lambda&sid=bookmark-AHSI&xid=b128b320. Accessed 23 Aug. 2021.

COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains materials pertaining to Paradigm Women's Bookstore, Las Hermanas, San Diego Lesbian Organization, Slightly Older Lesbians (SOL), Southern California Women for Understanding, West Coast Celebration, Lesbian Lives Celebration, Alternative Visions, Thursday's Child, San Diego Lesbian Press, Our Own, and other activities Karen Merry was involved in such as literary and performing arts. These materials include flyers, newsletters, calendars, guidelines, directories, forms, mailers, mailing lists, schedules, publications, newspapers, clippings, event programs, a film script, essays, and other papers.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection consists of 1 box and no series.

SEPARATED MATERIAL

In this field, list any materials that have been removed from the collection and transferred to another collection, department (e.g., the library), or institution.

None.

SUBJECTS

Karen Merry, Paradigm Women's Bookstore, Las Hermanas, San Diego Lesbian Organization, Slightly Older Lesbians, Alternative Visions, Thursday's Child, San Diego Lesbian Press, Lesbians, Bookstores, Women's Music, Conferences, Performing Arts, No on 6, disabilities

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San Diego, California

RELATED MATERIAL

L2002.08

LOCATION NOTE

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LANGUAGES

English

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)	
1	1	Organizations	1978-1991	
1	2	Lesbian Conferences	1985-1987	
1	3	Publications and Clippings	1979-1991	
1	4	Performing and Literary Arts		
1	5	Ephemera and Other Papers		