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Summary Information

Repository:	Special Collections
Creator:	Maine Lesbian Feminist
Title:	Maine Lesbian Feminist Archives
ID:	LG-MS0005
Date [inclusive]:	1976-1982
Physical Description:	5 File Folders
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Maine Lesbian Feminist was a social and political group based in Downeast Maine which operated from 1976 to about 1984. The archives includes records of the group, their political task force, and ther communications committee, as well as event ephemera from the third Maine Gay Symposium in 1976.

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Administrative History

Maine Lesbian Feminist was a social and political group based in Downeast Maine which operated from 1976 to about 1984. According to an oral history interview with founding member Ellie Sparks, they formed at the third Maine Gay Symposium. The group met periodically in various towns and cities across the state, at both private homes and public buildings, often on college campuses. The group published a newsletter, first out of Bar Harbor and later out of Belfast. They formed a political task force in 1977. Maine Lesbian Feminist continued operating until about 1984.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Nan Stone, Gift, 1999

Processing Information

Newsletters were removed to the Maine LGBTQ + Newspaper Collection. Membership list was removed from Folder 3 to it's own restricted folder. Folder 5, formerly labeled "Miscellaneous," appears to be in the donor's original order and was not changed, except to remove the Maine Gay Symposium material to its own folder to facilitate access.

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Related Materials

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Maine Lesbian Feminist newsletter in the Maine LGBTQ + Newspaper Collection.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Lesbians -- Maine -- Societies and clubs
- Feminists -- Maine -- Societies and clubs
- Maine Lesbian Feminist
- Maine Gay Symposium (3rd : 1976 : Portland, Me.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Maine Gay Symposium III, 1976	FC22	folder 1
Mailing Lists, 1976-1977 and undated	FC22	folder 2 Restricted
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Restricted until January 1, 2077.		
Political Task Force Membership Lists, approximately 1977	FC22	folder 3 Restricted
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Restricted until January 1, 2077.		

Political Task Force Records, 1977 and undated	FC22	folder 4
Annotated Agendas, Minutes, Newsletters, and Ephemera, 1977-1982	FC22	folder 5
