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Aula Bell fonds

1. Fonds-level description

Title

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Dates

1980-1989

Extent

1.3 m of textual records, 2 audio cassettes, 2 video reels

Biographical sketch

Aula Bell (1923-2010) was born in Kalvia, Finland. She received a B.Ed and M.A. in psychology and linguistics at the University of Victoria in 1970 and 1982. During her studies, she developed the work of her supervisor, Professor John Downing, by constructing and implementing a test to assess the ability of children to hear phonemes. She taught for many years at Forest Park Elementary School in Nanaimo, promoting the use of phonemes as a tool to teaching reading skills.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of research data, research literature and index, testing kit and wooden blocks, presentation package and audio-visual tapes, subject files, Open Court wall charts, numerous articles and a booklet written by Bell entitled "Phonemes: A Parent's Guide to Beginning Reading."

Notes

Gift of Aula Bell, January 1995.

2. Structure

(no series or files)

3. Inventory

Accession 1995-003

Box 1 (03/01/77)

- Phoneme research data
- Phoneme literature and index

Box 2 (03/01/78)

- Phoneme literature and index (cont'd)
- Teaching testing kit of phoneme separation
- Teaching presentation package for teachers and parents
- Teaching subject files, diagnostic procedures

Box 3 (03/01/79)

- Teaching subject files, diagnostic procedures (cont'd)
- Audio-visual tapes for presentations
- Open Court phoneme hand charts (1st and 2nd editions), and workbook
- Bell's articles
- Bell's booklet "Phonemes: A Parent's Guide to Beginning Reading"

Box 4/OS (04/08/03)

- Open Court phoneme wall chart (1st edition)