The Study Club, a women's literary circle, met weekly from 1896 - 1970 for the purpose of "study and mutual improvement." It was based in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. Each year the group selected a topic for study and each member then wrote an extended paper about a facet of the topic. At each meeting one of these papers was read to the group.

This archive is a partial record of the Study Club. It contains yearbooks which announce the annual and weekly topics, and the official records, such as minutes and treasurer's records. Of the hundreds of papers which were read, five are held in the archive. All of these papers were written by Mrs. Miriam Cragg who was a member of the group from 1903 - 1970. It was Mrs. Cragg who donated the archive to N.U.L. Included in the miscellany of the Study Club Archive are three of her personal travel journals, two concerning a trip to Europe in 1902; the other about a tour of South America in the 1950s.