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Rivett, Doris Mary (Mary)

(1896 - 1969)

Born	18961204, Beechworth Victoria Australia
Died	19690115
Occupation	Psychologist

Summary

Mary Rivett was trained as a psychologist and lectured briefly at the University of Sydney. With her sister Elsie she formed the free Children's Library and Crafts Club in 1922. In 1934 they formed the Children's Library and Crafts Movement which after their death became the Creative Leisure Movement.

Details

Educated Universities of Sydney (BA 1918) and Cambridge (first-class honours in psychology 1921). Lecturer, Bedford College, University of London ca1922, returned to Sydney 1922. University extension lecturer in psychology 1923-27, lectured at the Kindergarten Training College and edited her father's paper the "Federal Independent".

Rivett left the university to promote faith healing and was interested in telepathy. She formed the free Children's Library and Crafts Club 1922, and in 1934 the Children's Library and Crafts Movement, of which she was secretary-organiser until 1961.

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