The Harriet Leaf Collection

Harriet Leaf, affectionately known as “the Story Lady”, was a children’s librarian at the Akron Public Library for 30 years. Ms. Leaf was a talented storyteller, and hosted the weekly WAKR Radio program, “Tip Top Tales” from 1940 to 1957. She was also instrumental in expanding the Library’s summer reading program. The Harriet Leaf Collection includes approximately 2,000 old and rare children’s books from the Library’s collection, as well as Ms. Leaf’s personal collection.