

OLOC SUGGESTED READINGS AND VIDEOS

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WEBSITE ADDRESSES

OLOC www.oloc.org

Classic Dykes Online www.classicdykes.com (Available on this website is an excellent and thorough Lesbian Aging Bibliography which is frequently updated. Both the Bibliography and several scholarly articles on old lesbians accessed through the Bibliography's contributors, as well as other links on the website, tend to be academic and scholarly in nature, and of particular interest to those involved in the social sciences. But the website is an excellent place to begin searching for information about Old Lesbians.)

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