Aletta H. Jacobs and Aletta Jacobs (1850-1905) were a power couple. He was a member of Dutch Parliament. She was a Doctor and International Peace Activist. Together, they worked on legal reforms so that the fundamental human rights and dignity of women were recognized. Part of this work included reading and collecting thousands of international volumes - written by both women and men - that were relevant to the humane reforms of the day. That collection has not only grown since its first public appearance in 1900, it has been digitized. Today, it is a database known as ‘The Gerritsen Collection of Aletta H. Jacobs’ that is subscribed to by some of the finest libraries in the world.

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Why is 2015 important for The Gerritsen Collection?
In April 1915, and hence during World War I, Aletta Jacobs organized an historic international peace meeting for women in The Hague. That meeting, The 1915 International Congress of Women, was organized both to protest World War I and to develop a series of resolutions designed to end the war and to establish permanent peace. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of this important moment of peace history, a bust of Aletta Jacobs will be installed in the Peace Palace (making Jacobs the second woman to be thus memorialized following Bertha von Suttner who was memorialized in 2013).

To help educate the public about this important moment and its connection to the 19th century peace movement, this library - with assistance from the Bertha von Suttner Project (berthavonsuttner.com) - has subscribed to the Gerritsen Collection for 2015. We encourage you to explore this precious resource and to use it as a tool to make 2015 a truly teachable moment!

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