Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida, has been awarded $24,000 by the Council on Library Resources to fund the first two years of the new College Library Director Mentoring Program established by the Leadership Committee of ACRL’s College Libraries Section. The program is intended to enhance the leadership capabilities of newly appointed college library directors by matching them with experienced directors. Ten to 15 newly appointed directors will participate annually. The funds will support campus visits, communication costs, and a three-day seminar given at the end of each year. Individuals interested in participating, either as a mentor or mentee, should write or call Larry Hardesty, Director of Library Services, Eckerd College, P. O. Box 12560, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-2560; (813) 864-8336.

The Folger Shakespeare Library has received an $82,326 U.S. Department of Education Title II-C grant—to be matched by $61,000 from the Folger—for the preservation and improved accessibility of nearly 900 presently uncataloged 18th- and 19th-century non-Shakespeare promptbooks. Some of the more intriguing promptbooks in the collection are Tyrone Power’s 1907 production of Macbeth, several late 17th-century Shakespeare productions from the Theatre Royal Dublin in which the text is made up of leaves from a third folio of Shakespeare dated 1663–64; and John Barrymore’s 1922 Hamlet, with autographs of the actors, a playbill, sketches, and music.

Title II-C also provided support for a recently completed project to catalog and conserve the Folger’s collection of Shakespeare First Folios, which contains 79 copies plus fragments and is the largest in the world. A total of $94,321 was provided by Title II-C, with $92,531 furnished by the Folger Library.

The Montana State University Libraries has been given a grant of $100,888 by the U.S. Department of Education, under Title II-C of the Higher Education Act, to fund the acquisition of materials to further build the libraries’ Yellowstone National Park Collection. The heart of the collection is the Haynes family gift of 1977. The Haynes family was the photography concessionaire in the park from 1881 to 1968.

The libraries of North Carolina State University, Duke University, and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill have been awarded a $281,669 grant for a second year of funding under the U.S. Department of Education’s Title II-C Strengthening Research Library Resources Program. The joint project on “Documenting the Contemporary American South” will enable the three institutions to continue building research collections that will allow scholars to undertake, from a single geographic location, multistate and comparative studies of the post-World War II South.

The University of Iowa (UI) Libraries has been awarded a four-year $168,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support apprenticeships in book conservation and training workshops for experienced book conservators. Apprentices will begin the four-year program in the fall of 1992 and advanced week-long workshops will be scheduled throughout the four-year period. A previous Mellon Foundation grant of $140,000 was awarded to UI in 1988 for the same purpose.

The Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Texas at Austin has been awarded a two-year $661,000 grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities to establish a conservation education program. The $575,000 outright grant and up to $86,000 in federal matching funds will enable the university to provide space and resources for the faculty and administration of the Conservation Education Programs, formerly a component of the School of Library Service at Columbia University.

The University of Virginia Library was awarded a grant for $96,263 from the Department of Education’s HEA Title II-C program,
"Strengthening Library Resources." The funds will be used to support the first year of a proposed three-year project to convert to machine-readable form the 10,873 unconverted manuscripts and University Archives catalog records.

**Acquisitions**

**Two previously unrecorded manuscripts** by poet Emily Dickinson have been acquired by Amherst College, Massachusetts, for its Special Collections in the Robert Frost Library. One is an unpublished letter, tentatively dated to 1858, to Dickinson’s sister-in-law Susan in which the poet embeds a short poem and refers to her withdrawal from social life. The second manuscript is a new variant of a well-known poem beginning “The feet of people walking home.” In this version, Dickinson has written the poem as a letter, presumably also to Susan. The two manuscripts, acquired from a private collection, join the collection already at Amherst, which contains approximately half of Emily Dickinson’s known manuscripts.

**Two Jack London manuscripts have been acquired** by the Huntington Library from Christie’s auctions in New York. The first, acquired in December 1991, is a four-page, detailed autograph letter written in 1902 to the editor of the Youth’s Companion answering specific questions about the content of London’s celebrated short story “To Build a Fire” prior to its publication. The second, purchased in June 1992, consists of 42 pages of autograph working notes for London’s 1908 novel Adventure. The manuscripts join the more than 30,000 literary manuscripts, letters, photographs, documents, scrapbooks, and broadsides comprising the Huntington’s London Collection.

**A large collection of Lawrence Welk memorabilia** has been donated to North Dakota State University, Fargo, by Welk’s family and the Welk Group, Inc. The gift includes more than 15,000 musical arrangements used on the Lawrence Welk television show, all of the bandleader’s office furniture, photographs, and scrapbooks of his early days. The university will actively acquire additional Welk-related materials in the future including artifacts, oral interviews, and personal papers. Welk died at the age of 89 in May 1992.

**The Alexander Flanigan Hymnology Collection** has been acquired by the Library of Reformed Theology Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi. Flanigan was a dockworker in Belfast, Ireland, who spent much of his life collecting Christian hymnology totaling about 1,800 volumes, over 300 periodicals, and some archival materials. The collection is predominantly British, but other northern European titles are included, particularly Scandinavian.

**A century and a half of Bristol history** has become part of the Archives and Permanent Collections of the Main Library at Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island. Some 150 volumes of back issues of the Bristol Phoenix dating back to the 1830s were deposited at the library in May after Bristol’s Town Hall could no longer hold the collection.

**A number of manuscript groups from the Auerbach Collection** were recently acquired by the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley. Herbert S. Auerbach, son and nephew of the founders of the Auerbach Company, one of the great mercantile companies of Salt Lake City and the far West, amassed a collection of books, manuscripts, maps, and pictures of the Old West which was partially sold off after his death in 1945. The remainder of the collection held back by the family was recently put up for sale and acquisitions by the Bancroft include the unpublished autograph memoirs of both Samuel H. Auerbach and his wife Eveline Brooks Auerbach; reminiscences by early residents of Rabbit Creek, California.