The Henry Madden Library at California State University is the beneficiary of a charitable trust creating a $1 million endowment established by Albert and Evelyn Sanoian. The trust was established through the donation of 200 acres of Fresno County property valued at $2.83 million. The gift will allow the library to strengthen existing collections and be innovative in providing new collections and services in the future.

Florida State University’s School of Library and Information Studies has been awarded a $50,000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in support of the bachelor’s degree program in Information Studies. The first students will be enrolled in August 1996. The grant supports development of faculty, curriculum, and technology laboratories.

The Library Company of Philadelphia has received a three-year grant of $206,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to complete the cataloging of its Afro-Americana Collection into RLIN. The collection includes a wide range of materials on subjects such as the early exploration of Africa, the Atlantic slave trade, American and Caribbean slavery, the antislavery movement in the U.S., the proslavery arguments, the politics of slavery in antebellum America, and the culture of free blacks. The grant will fund the cataloging of approximately 4,500 titles. When the project is completed, over 10,500 of the Library Company’s titles relating to African American history will be available worldwide.

Marlboro College has received a $4,000 grant from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation to organize, rehouse, and create finding tools for its Howard C. Rice Collection of Kipling materials. The goal is to make the collection of research materials, unique items, and photos of Kipling in Vermont easily accessible for patron research and use.

The National Digital Library Federation (NDLF), a joint venture of major research libraries and archives, has received a $100,000 grant from IBM corporation to support critical initial planning efforts. The NDLF is exploring broad questions of transition from traditional library services to the new digital environment, including issues of technologies, content, archival responsibilities, organization, policies, and procedures.

The University of North Dakota Libraries, Grand Forks, has received a grant for $10,900 from the US West Foundation to enhance its technology initiatives and to promote K-12 educational access to the resources of the libraries via the World Wide Web.

Acquisitions

World-renowned science fiction author Piers Anthony has donated his papers to the University of South Florida (USF) Tampa Campus Library’s Special Collections Department. His donation includes original manuscripts, a working diary, and other documents relating to his work. Also, award-winning author Michael Resnick recently donated his papers to the USF Library. Resnick is a Hugo and Nebula winner and is considered one of the top science fiction writers in the country.

Also at USF, Florida artist Christopher Still donated pieces of his personal collection to the library’s Special Collections Department, including a sketchbook and a limited-edition print of one of his latest works. Still has made a commitment to add to his collection in the future.

Also, a $1.2 million collection of 350 Sammy Davis Jr. musical arrangements has been loaned to USF for five years by Tampa businessman Jerry Williams.