Penn State University Libraries has expanded its robust scholarly research potential of one of America’s foremost 20th-century writers through the acquisition of the Toby and Betty Bruce Collection of Ernest Hemingway. Now housed in the University Libraries’ Eberly Family Special Collections Library, the collection includes unpublished writing, manuscripts, handwritten letters and notes, more than 1,000 photos, and other documents and memorabilia. The collection provides new insight into the author’s writing process and his personal life from childhood onward.

“The acquisition of this archive of some of Hemingway’s unpublished stories, manuscript drafts and correspondence will provide a wealth of new material for studying a pre-eminent writer,” said Faye A. Chadwell, dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications. “The Toby and Betty Bruce Collection of Ernest Hemingway is a significant addition to our holdings in the Eberly Family Special Collections Library at Penn State University Libraries, strengthening our reputation for fostering research at all levels.”

The collection, which was acquired in October 2021 through donor support, holds several remarkable discoveries, including Hemmingway’s first story written in childhood. More information about the collection is available at https://aspace.libraries.psu.edu/repositories/3/resources/11174.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently announced grants totaling $5,253,000 through three programs designed to support and improve library services of Native American, Native Alaskan, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Native American Library Services Basic Grants support existing library operations and maintain core library services. These noncompetitive grants are awarded in equal amounts among eligible applicants. Grants totaling $1,297,411 were awarded to 117 Indian Tribes, Alaska Native villages, and other regional and village corporations.

Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants assist Native American Tribes in improving core library services for their communities. Enhancement Grants are only awarded to applicants that have applied for a Native American Library Services Basic Grant in the same fiscal year. IMLS received 27 applications requesting $3,470,682 and was able to award $3,096,553 to 23 tribes in 11 states. This year’s awarded grants will advance the preservation and revitalization of language and culture, as well as educational programming and digital services.
The Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI) has awarded PALSave Textbook Creation Grants to faculty authors from three of its supported institutions. The grants will allow these educators to develop open textbooks that are freely available online, making them part of a statewide effort to reduce the cost of course materials for college students. Financed with support from Lilly Endowment, each author will receive up to $5,000 per project.

The grants, awarded as part of the PALSave: PALNI Affordable Learning programs, are given in overlapping two-year cohorts. Titles and authors selected for the current cohort include Social Action Writing: Public Narratives and Methods of Community by Mark Latta, assistant professor of English and director of community engagement, Marian University; Writing and Digital Media by Cara Miller, associate professor of English and director of first-year writing, Anderson University; and Ultrasound Physics and its Application in Medicine by Arbin Thapaliya, associate professor of physics, Franklin College.