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Acquisitions

Florentine Films of Walpole, New Hampshire, has given Mason Library at Keene State College 18 boxes of books that were used to research documentaries on baseball, architecture, art, women, the American West, and other aspects of American history. Over the years, the library has supported Florentine Films’ research needs, and they have provided the library with copies of their productions in addition to listing acknowledgement of the library in their film credits.

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