California State University-San Marcos has received a $1 million donation to establish a university library. The current library is temporarily housed in classroom space and it has already become necessary to have compact shelving off-campus to accommodate current holdings. The money, pledged over two years, was given by W. Keith and Jean Kellogg, philanthropists and supporters of the university since its beginning seven years ago.

The Hill Monastic Manuscript Library at Saint John's University has received a $400,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to develop guidelines and systems for cataloging medieval and renaissance manuscripts in electronic form. The three-year project called Electronic Access to Medieval Manuscripts will develop standards for encoding core-level and detailed manuscript descriptions in MARC and SGML.

The University of Maryland at College Park (UMCP) Libraries have received a $10,000 grant from the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas for preserving and increasing access to the papers of well-known author Katherine Anne Porter. The funds will enable the libraries to reprocess the papers so that a portion can be microfilmed. During the 1960s Porter donated her entire personal library and much of her vast collection of papers to UMCP, and now the Porter Papers represent one of the largest literary archives of a single author at any U.S. institution. Also part of the collection is Porter's wooden coffin, which she kept in her apartment and delighted in shocking friends with it. Porter, who died in 1980, was cremated and the coffin not used.

The Research Libraries Group has been given $200,000 to help fund its collaborative digitization project, "Studies in Scarlet." The two-year project will create a virtual library collection around the central theme of marriage and sexuality in the U.S. and the United Kingdom from 1815–1914. Awarded by the National Center for Automated Information Research, the project will test the theory that an electronic collection for scholarly research can be created cooperatively, made widely available, and be maintained for future use.

New York University's Elmer Holmes Bobst Library has been given $500,000 by Barbara Goldsmith to establish the Barbara Goldsmith Curatorship in Preservation. The money will enable the library to expand its conservation and preservation efforts of its many embrittled volumes.

Ohio University Libraries has received $50,000 for the Archives and Special Collections Department. The money, given by the estate of Constance Sands, who made the bequest in honor of her aunt, Candus Martzloff, a long-time library employee in the early 20th century, will serve as a general endowment fund for the department.

The University of Vermont has been given $157,413
by the National Endowment for the Humanities to coordinate a statewide newspaper project which will locate, catalog, and preserve newspapers published in the state from the 18th century to the present day. The project was begun in 1982 to ensure that America's historical newspapers are preserved as resources. Vermont is the 50th state to be funded, and when the project is complete, holding records for all the newspapers published in the U.S. will be recorded in OCLC.

Queens Library’s Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center in Jamaica, New York, has received two grants totaling $112,000 from the State Department of Education/The University of the State of New York. The first grant for $100,000 will be issued to the Black Heritage Reference Center to document the history of African descent in America. The second grant will help fund a cultural arts project which will allow musical artists and poets to present lectures and demonstrations in local elementary and middle schools and public libraries.

Acquisitions

Correspondence by Tennessee Williams, the political archives of Group Research, Inc., and the papers of Czech writer Vera Blackwell have been acquired by Columbia University’s Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Letters, postcards, and telegrams written by Williams to his family were part of a purchase at Sotheby’s which also included a photograph of the playwright and a DMV document. Group Research, Inc.’s political archives include press releases, news stories, and other print documents detailing the right-wing political movement’s rise to power in the U.S. from the 1960s to the present. The Vera Blackwell acquisition includes correspondence, papers, scripts, and translations of the Czechoslovakian writer/director/actor and is now part of the Bakhmeteff Archive of Russian and East European History and Culture.

The papers of American poet James Merrill have been given to Washington University (WU) in St. Louis. Comprising more than 80 linear feet, the collection includes manuscripts, notebooks, artwork, correspondence, and photographs. The author of 14 books of poetry, Merrill was the recipient of two National Book Awards, a Pulitzer Prize, a National Book Critics Circle Award, and served as poet laureate for the state of Connecticut. Merrill’s work has been one of the cornerstone’s of WU’s Modern Literature Collection.

Historical materials and memorabilia associated with the Italian patriot and revolutionist Giuseppe Garibaldi have been given to the University of South Carolina. The collection contains Garibaldi’s personal library, letters, illustrative materials, 19th-century newspapers, medals, and other diverse items relating to Garibaldi and the Risorgimento, the 1860 reunification of Italy. Garibaldi led an overthrow of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies which led the way to Italian unification. Donated by Anthony Campanella, a leading authority on Garibaldi, the collection is expected to be valued at $1 million after appraisals.

Papers of prominent members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) are now open at the University of New Mexico. The papers relate to the trial of three men accused in 1975 of killing two FBI agents. Also included in the material are the federal investigations of AIM and American Indian issues such as land rights, religious freedom, and discrimination.

A collection of early 20th-century American and European literature was given to the Chester Fritz library at the University of North Dakota (UND). The collection, given by Carole Anderson, a 1946 graduate, includes some privately bound books and some first editions, and is valued at more than $14,000.

The Charlotte and Lloyd Wineland Collection of Native American and Western Exploration Literature has been acquired by the Smithsonian Institution Libraries. The collection, consisting of 88 volumes of rare books, includes the first published version of Lewis and Clark’s journals, written in their own words. The works are important to the study of the American West and Indians of North America. ■

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