Tulane University has received a $1.9 million gift from the estate of Virginia Brown Miceli. The gift was given in appreciation of the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library (HTML) staff's support of the research of Miceli's husband, Augusto Miceli, a prominent New Orleans attorney and regional historian. This unrestricted gift will be used to strengthen HTML's collection.

Columbia University has received $100,000 from the New York Times Neediest Fund to build upon its September 11 archives, which include 400 oral history interviews conducted for its September 11, 2001 Oral History Narrative and Memory Project. The money will be used to conduct 40 new interviews with leaders in the fields of mental health, law, employment, education and philanthropy, who mobilized quickly following the catastrophe to provide services.

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded $349,778 to establish the Northwest Digital Archives. Oregon State University Libraries will serve as the lead institution for the two-year project, which will provide enhanced access to archival and manuscript materials in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington through a union database of Encoded Archival Description (EAD) finding aids.

The University of California-San Diego (UCSD) has received $850,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support strategic digital media initiatives. The two-year funding will support the cataloging of art images and their deployment in digital form for educational purposes. The UCSD Libraries will partner with the Fine Arts Library at Harvard University and the Ingalls Library of the Cleveland Museum of Art to create a prototype Union Catalog for Art Images, which will bring together approximately 500,000 metadata records describing art works and other images.

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