PRESERVING HISTORY IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

University Libraries has received grant funding for two projects to digitize collections in the library. The New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board, through the State Commission of Public Records – State Records Center and Archives, has granted funding to digitize songbooks and archival resources from the New Mexico Federal Music Project. In addition, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded University Libraries a grant to digitize and post online 100,000 pages of New Mexico newspapers.

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Message from the Dean

I find it hard to believe that another year has passed and that the new school year is well underway. Although we stay busy during the summer supporting students attending summer session classes, there is nothing like the first day of fall semester when the campus is packed with new students to energize all of us as we plan new programs and services.

As you probably already know, we’ll be challenged this year and beyond to continue to provide a high level of service in the face of additional budget cuts. Universities across the country are affected, and libraries are sharing in the loss of funds. We are determined that our budget cuts don’t affect our service to students.

More than ever we rely on donor support to fund the purchase of special collections and to move ahead with innovative programs that support student needs like our Indigenous Nations Library Program (INLP). Although we no longer receive legislative funding for this program, the library is committed to supporting the mission of INLP and giving our Native American students access to the tools and training that ensure their academic success. You can read more about this program in the article entitled “The Gathering Place” in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continuing support of University Libraries.

Martha Beland
Dean
University Libraries

THE GATHERING PLACE – A BEGINNING

University Libraries’ Indigenous Nations Library Program (INLP) moved into a new space we have named The Gathering Place. Located in the main lobby on the second floor of Zimmerman Library, The Gathering Place will eventually be able to offer reading room, classroom, group study and web conferencing spaces for students and researchers. Workshops on conducting library research and drop-in office hours are also being planned.

The INLP program was established in 2004 to provide Native American library outreach and information literacy services to the UNM community and New Mexico Native American communities. INLP also organizes a schedule of well-known speakers on Native American issues.

INLP librarians Mary Alice Tsosie (Diné) and Paulita Aguilar (Kewa) are busy organizing and planning for how to furnish and equip the 1,800 square feet of space. Students will be involved in planning the space—not only its functionality, but also its character and atmosphere. The ultimate goal is to provide a warm and welcoming location for any student interested in Native American culture.

If you are interested in providing support for this exciting new space, please call Nina Johnson at (505) 277-5632 or e-mail her at njohnson@unmfund.org

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The Federal Music Project was established as part of the Works Progress Administration in 1935 and became the WPA Music Program from 1939-1943. The goal of the project was to employ musicians on the relief rolls during the Great Depression. The New Mexico project documented the Hispanic American folk music traditions in New Mexico and provided music instruction to children from low-income families. This digitization project also corresponds with the 75th anniversary of the New Deal projects and programs as identified by the National New Deal Preservation Association. It will complement New Deal exhibits and programs presented by New Mexico museums.

The newspapers chosen for digitization through the NEH grant will reflect New Mexico’s political, cultural and economic history and span the late 19th century to early 20th century. An advisory board of scholars and librarians from around the state will make recommendations about which newspapers to digitize. The completed digital newspapers will be available online starting in 2012.

For more information, please contact Associate Dean Mike Kelly at mk6@unm.edu.
DR. RICHARD GREENLEAF HONORED

Dr. Richard Greenleaf was honored at a reception this past August by University Libraries, the UNM Latin American and Iberian Institute and the UNM Foundation for a lifetime of scholarship and generous giving. The event was hosted at University House and drew friends, students and colleagues from across the country and Mexico to celebrate the publication of The Inquisition in Colonial Latin America: Selected Writings of Richard E. Greenleaf published by the Academy of American Franciscan History.

Although born in Arkansas, Greenleaf spent his childhood in New Mexico where he developed his interests in Native American culture, the Southwest and Latin America. He completed his undergraduate and graduate education at the University of New Mexico, receiving his Ph.D. in 1957. His graduate advisor, and UNM icon, France V. Scholes, introduced him to many of his lifelong interests. From 1955 to 1969, Greenleaf taught in the history department at the University of the Americas in Mexico City. In 1969, he moved to the history department at Tulane University, remaining there until his retirement in 1998.

Dr. Greenleaf’s generosity is well-known. He has given nearly $1.2 million to the University of New Mexico. He continues to support the Greenleaf Student Fellowship, the Greenleaf Visiting Library Scholar Program and the Greenleaf Crypto-Judaism program.

His most recent contribution to University Libraries was given to the Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections to begin to create detailed digital reference guides to more than 85,000 pages of Spanish Colonial documents. Michael Kelly, associate dean for scholarly resources says, “With this gift, Dr. Greenleaf is providing the next generation of scholars access to primary resources that have, until now, not been widely available.”

It is a testament to Dr. Greenleaf that so many of his colleagues and students attended the festivities. A special fund at the UNM Foundation is being set up to honor him. Please call Niña Johnson at (505) 277-5632 for information.

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Student Spotlight

Santana Chavez (Diné) is a senior majoring in biochemistry and minoring in Native American Studies. Santana, who grew up in Bloomfield, N.M., will be working as an intern for the Indigenous Nations Library Program. He will help with scheduling a lecture series that will bring in speakers to talk with students about current issues in Native American life.
DEAN’S CIRCLE KICKS OFF WITH GARDEN PARTY

Near the end of May, with lilacs still in bloom, Dean Martha Bedard hosted an elegant garden party to kick off the formation of the University Libraries Dean’s Circle. Current donors and influential community members were invited to hear Bedard’s vision for the future of University Libraries and how Dean’s Circle members can help make that future happen.

The Dean’s Circle will include donors whose generosity has exceeded $1,000 annually. Members will receive personal communications from Dean Bedard as well as invitations to special events, exhibits and lectures. Members will have the opportunity to share their insights on how the libraries will not only survive but thrive in difficult economic times.

If you are interested in joining the Dean’s Circle, please call Niña Johnson at (505) 277-5632 or e-mail her at njohnson@unmfund.org. Thank you for your consideration!

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