UF Libraries Grants Activities Update as of January 5, 2010

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Please let Bess de Farber know if you see anything that should be changed, added, or dropped!

Current External Grant Funded Projects:

Advancing Access and Preservation Best Practices in Florida – ($32,225 cash and $10,141 cost share) in partnership with the Florida Center for Library Automation, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida, the University of Miami, and the University of South Florida to provide training to archivists and others who care for historical records through a workshop series covering preservation and access standards and practices including: 1) preservation and management of photographs, 2) minimal level processing of multi-format archival collections, 3) descriptive standards, and 4) archival information systems used to document and access historical materials. NEH funding will support a regional education program, which will provide training at no cost to participants. A secondary goal is to establish a level of expertise among key Florida archivists and professionals so that they can implement and sustain an in-state education program. A third goal is to determine educational needs through surveys and evaluative tools. (Project team: J. Nemmers, Society of American Archivists, and partner institutions) National Endowment for the Humanities, Preservation & Access Education & Training. National Endowment for the Humanities. Start date: 02/01/10, end date: 01/31/2011.

VIVO Enabling National Network of Scientists – ($1,025,898 cash plus additional funding for equipment and travel as necessary over two years) UF partnership with Cornell University Library and six academic medical research institutions, to create an integrated national information network for biomedical researchers that will serve not just researchers, but also students, administrative and service officials, prospective faculty and students, donors and funding agencies, and the public. This will fully implement “GatorScholar” (under a new name, possibly “VIVO @ UF”) at UF and replicate this system with partners. (Project team: V. Davis, S. Russell Gonzalez, M. Tennant, S. Williams, G. Hack, A. Buhler, E. Bushhousen, N. Ferree, N. Schaefer, R. Jesano, C. Botero, M. Johnson) National Institutes of Health. Start date: 09/25/09, end date: 08/31/2011.

America’s Swamp: The Historical Everglades Project – ($72,650 award, and $77,845 cost share requirement) over three years to digitize 99,690 pages from six collections relating to the exploration, development and conservation of the Everglades from 1878-1929. (Project team: PI - J. Nemmers, Co PI - L. Taylor, F. Turcotte, J. Freund, and J. Cusick) National Historical Publications & Records Commission, end date 12/31/11.
Lincoln, The Constitution and the Civil War – ($2,500 cash request, and no cost share requirement) to host a prepared traveling exhibition (produced by ALA and National Constitutional Center), in Library East, whenever it is made available to the UF Libraries (sometime from mid 2009 – 2011); and to present five public outreach programs. Partners include City of Gainesville Division of Cultural Affairs and the Public Library System. (Project team: PI - C. Dinsmore, Co PI - C. Seale, S. Arlen) National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Small Grants to Libraries, end date 12/31/13.

Caribbean Newspaper Digitization Library: Disseminating and Preserving Records of Daily Life – (Total award to FIU: $440,000, UF portion was proposed at $123,702 cash request, and $41,224 cost share contribution—these budget amounts may be reduced) subcontract over four years beginning October 2009, to digitize newspaper runs from various countries in the Caribbean. Leaders are FIU’s Latin American & Caribbean Center and UF’s Center for Latin American Studies, with partnering libraries at FIU, UCF, USF, and University of Virgin Islands. (Project team: PI at UF is L. Taylor, with M. Sullivan and other DLC participants) Dept. of Education Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Program (TICFIA), end date 09/30/13.

From the Air: the photographic record of Florida’s lands – ($67,008 in cash, and $23,994 cost share contribution) for Phase III –, to provide 1) digitization of the historic Aerial Photography Florida Collection from 1971-1990; 2) technology infrastructure upgrade for open access and retrieval and database enhancement; and 3) broader public access through a user-friendly interface that will increased use by middle and high school students, and the general public. (Project team: PI is C. McAuliffe, with J. Aufmuth, M. Sullivan, J. Farrington, R. Renner, and J. Pen, M. Ochoa) Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Resources, Library Services and Technology Act Grants, end date 09/30/10.

University of Florida Area Health Education Centers Program (AHEC) – ($30,000 cash contract for services) for HCSL to support the mission of the UF AHEC Program Office and the community based activities of its four AHEC centers (Big Bend AHEC in Tallahassee, Suwannee River AHEC in Alachua, Northeast Florida AHEC in Jacksonville, and West Florida AHEC in Crestview). Support includes: include we have done, includes reference assistance, document delivery, database training, preceptor support, support for students on rotations, consultation and technical assistance. The UFAHEC mission is to improve access to primary health care in north Florida's medically underserved areas through academic-community educational partnerships designed to recruit, train and retain community-based health professionals. One of 5 AHEC programs supporting the state’s 5 medical schools, UF AHEC reports to the UF College of Medicine and is part of the Florida AHEC Network which has, over this past decade, addressed the primary health care needs of Florida's most vulnerable populations through a series of innovative strategies designed to: extend academic health resources; provide information and support for community providers; influence health professions education; and, influence the future health professional workforce. (Project lead: L. Butson), end date 12/31/10.
Express Outreach Project Award from National Network of Libraries of Medicine: Southeastern/Atlanta Region: ($6,000 for 2008-2009; and $6,000 for 2009-2010). To conduct an assessment of the health literacy of parishioners from Mt. Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, in Jacksonville, in order to develop and implement a plan to address low health literacy levels in Jacksonville. (Project lead: K. Moeller)

Title VI Grant Awards Include Library Funding

Center for African Studies (CAS) – ($35,400 managed by CAS) Funding will provide $2,000 for Library membership in national cooperative Title VI projects (African materials microfilming/digitization); $5,000 stipend plus tuition waiver for graduate assistant; $15,000 for Library materials/monographs Africana; $8,400 for digital resources; and, $5,000 for the Abraham Collection digitization. (Project team: P. Malanchuk and D. Reboussin), end date 08/14/2010

Center for European Studies (CES) – ($60,000 managed by CES) for the 09/10 fiscal year, funding will provide $30,000 to acquire monographs and $30,000 acquire electronic resources (eBooks, etc.). (Project team: A. Aissing and M. Loving) end date 08/14/2010.

Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) – ($16,232 managed by CLAS) For the 09/10 fiscal year, funding will support the Latin American Collection includes $3,432 for a graduate assistant position; $7,500 for travel to bring visiting scholars to UF to use the collection; $4,300 to acquire electronic resources (CD-ROMS); and $1,000 for Library international travel. (Project team: R. Phillips and P. Losch) end date 08/31/10.

Recently Awarded:

Saving St. Augustine’s Architectural Treasures – ($41,181 cash request and $41,232 cost share) in partnership with the applicant organization, Flagler College, the Save America’s Treasures’ project will conserve and digitally preserve an irreplaceable collection of the earliest architectural drawings of John Carrère (1858-1911) and Thomas Hastings (1860-1929). Created for Henry Flagler in St. Augustine, Florida, these drawings had been “lost” for decades. (Project team: J. Nemmers, T. Caswell, J. Freund, M. Mariner, R. Renner) Save America’s Treasures. Start date: 10/01/09, end date: 09/30/11.

Recently Declined:

Digging into Data: Baldwin Historical Children’s Literature Digital Library (working title) – (no cash or cost share, benefit is the potential availability of this software tool for use by researchers to mine UF’s digital collections) to create and test an automated system that extracts specific features of the collection that can then be visualized so researchers can make more effective use of their research time. The UF Dept. of Computer and Science Information and Engineering is the applicant in partnership with the Libraries, UF Data Infrastructure, IFAS, Visual Arts and English/Linguistics, plus the
Pending Notification of Award:

**Shifting Patterns: Examining the Impact of Hiring Non-MLS Librarians** – ($2,344 cash and $3,080 cost share) to develop an understanding of the dynamics involved in hiring practices and to identify essential elements for initiating non-MLS degreed librarians into the profession. Data gathered will be used to create a framework for a model orientation program libraries can adapt to their local environment. Assuring that non-MLS degreed librarians have a meaningful introduction to the theoretical and practical foundations of the field will greatly enhance their ability to collaborate and contribute to the library enterprise. (Project team: PI: B. Simpson with support from B. Keith) ALA Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant Start date: 7/1/2010; end date 12/30/2011.

**Phase IV, Cataloguing and Creating Access to British and American Children’s Literature (undated)** – ($349,999 cash request and $350,108 cost share) to continue cataloguing the Baldwin Library of Historical Children’s Literature Collection for approximately items that are not dated, and selecting items for digitization. Most of them would fall between 1800 and circa 1920; approximately that about 93% would be in the public domain and out of copyright. (Project team: N. Poehlmann, J.A. Carey, R. Smith, and DLC) National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Collections and Reference Resources. Start date: 06/1/10, end date: 05/31/2012.

**A Framework for Preservation and Access to Humanities Collections** - The University of Illinois, School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics, Center for Translation Studies and Department of Linguistics and University of Florida’s Center for Latin American Studies propose to create a framework for accessing humanities collections, specifically for Jaqi languages. A prior NSF funded grant supported the digitization of primary source materials in Jaqi languages for the University of Florida Digital Collections (http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufdc/?c=jaqi). This research is of direct relevance to all humanities collections and the new project will develop new frameworks and methods for accessing linguistic information. Researchers will use select materials from the UF Digital Collections and will share their results with the scholarly community at large and with the Libraries in particular for use in refining and conducting research with the UF Digital Collections. (Project team: H. Beck, IFAS professor, with very minor roles for R. Renner and D. Benson) National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation and Access Research and Development. Start Date: 01/01/10, end date: 12/30/2013.

**An Ontology Framework for Digital Humanities Collections** – ($96,707 cash request with $38,939 cost share--only $5,917 is Libraries’ cost share) to support collaboration between Baldwin Library curator, African Studies librarian, two scholars from the Center
for Latin American Studies, a linguistic scholar from University of Illinois (CU) and an IFAS scholar, Dr. Howard Beck, the proposed fellow who will take a sabbatical for one year to work with DLC. Scholars will work on digital projects related to the Baldwin, African Studies, and Latin American collections, with DLC support, to provide an ontology framework for digital humanities scholars. (Project team: D. Reboussin, R. Smith, D. Benson, L. Taylor) National Endowment for the Humanities. Start date: 06/01/10, end date 05/30/11.

**Plans**

Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) – National Leadership Category for Library-Museum Collaboration - Level I Collaborative Planning: Possible statewide planning grant to plan for an Asian art digitization, online exhibition, and preservation project in collaboration with the Norton Museum of Art, the Harn Museum and other Florida museums with Asian collections. This is likely to be a proposal where Libraries is a subcontractor to the Harn Museum, the applicant organization.

IMLS – National Leadership Category for Advancing Digital Resources – Possible proposal to develop a set of standard tools/API for showing and using items in digital libraries through touch screen displays on-site. Researchers could view and interact with large items and with multiple digital items in familiar and time-tested ways. The physical form of the book, map, photo and its ability to be in context, in relation to other physical items, matters and this project would provide that needed support.

IMLS – National Leadership Category for Level II Collaborative Planning – Possible statewide assessment of architectural collections and state-wide education program to preserve modern architectural drawings in Florida, to lead to major preservation effort.

Express Library Digitization – Possible proposal to digitize government documents and NGO materials related to the topic of malaria recently acquired by the Health Sciences Library.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Ethics Education in Science and Engineering Possible proposal to create a tutorial to educate students about plagiarism.