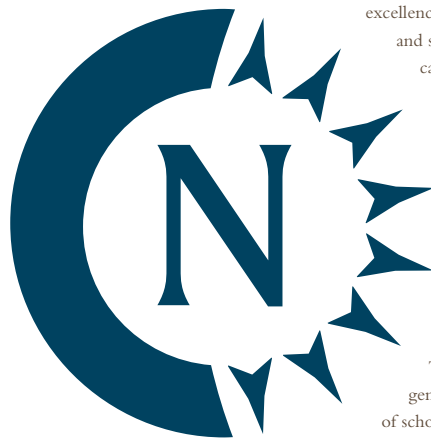


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Rising to the challenge: University Library is focus of donors' generosity



As Northwestern looks to Campaign Northwestern — its \$1.4 billion comprehensive campaign — to raise its academic sights, the mandate to enhance its library and the collections is made more urgent as well. The ability of Northwestern to define academic excellence and to recruit outstanding faculty rests in part on a library with collections and staff that support such intellectual ambitions. University Library looks to the campaign as a springboard to increase its endowment, which will provide a stream of income, in perpetuity, to support the collections in ways that reflect the University's academic priorities. The library's campaign goal is \$22.5 million — \$20 million to support the collections, \$1 million for unrestricted use, and \$1.5 million for facilities. To date, the library has achieved 81 percent of this \$22.5 million goal.

Individuals who support the library recognize its central role in the University's academic excellence. While they share this one common goal, these individuals give for reasons as varied as the ways in which they give.

Endowment giving

The Seeley G. Mudd Library of Science and Engineering has received a generous pledge from James R. and Patricia Lancaster supporting the acquisition of scholarly materials. "When I was a student, Deering was the only library," says James Lancaster (McCormick '55). "But the Tech curriculum has grown over the years, and the need for materials to support the engineering curriculum has grown as well." The couple also pledged gifts to the annual funds of both University Library and the Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science. Lancaster has a degree from Northwestern in industrial engineering and management sciences and is a retired executive vice president of retail banking at the former First Chicago NBD. He is a member of the library's board of governors as well as the board's executive and campaign steering committees.

Gifts made to the endowment are essential to the library. They provide steady income for the purchase of academic materials that support Northwestern's competitive intellectual community. Every endowment gift to University Library helps maintain one of the top private research libraries in the nation. An endowed fund gives an opportunity to enhance studies in a particular field, support Northwestern academics, and, in some cases, honor the memory of a loved one.

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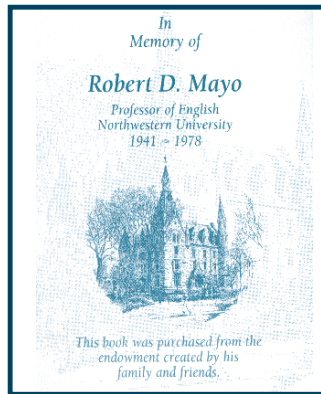
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Memorial giving

To support the acquisition of scholarly material in the field of English literature for the Department of English in the Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Pauline Mayo created a fund to honor her late husband, Robert D. Mayo. Robert Mayo began teaching in Northwestern's English department in 1941. After serving overseas in the army in World War II, he returned to the



The bookplate for the endowment fund created in memory of Robert D. Mayo

University, where he taught until he retired in 1978; he also served as English department chair from 1966 to 1970. "Bob used countless libraries for his research," Pauline Mayo says. "His research was done before the computer enabled scholars to get much of their information electronically." The couple's travels and vacations always included many hours spent in libraries like that of the British Museum in London, the Bodleian Library at Oxford, and the Bibliothèque nationale in Paris, in private libraries, and in the Library of Congress. "Since Bob was so fond of libraries," Pauline Mayo says, "creating an endowment fund for the library at the university he served so long seemed like a fitting memorial to him."

Creating a fund in a loved one's memory celebrates his or her life in a lasting way. Such a gift is a wonderful tribute to an individual's dedication to Northwestern University.



Kathryn Gerber and Margaret Gerber

Life income

Sisters Margaret (Weinberg '39, MD '44) and Kathryn Gerber have made a life-income gift that eventually will create an endowed fund — the Margaret and Kathryn Gerber Fund for American Letters of the 20th and 21st Centuries — to support acquisitions in that area at University Library. The Gerbers' commitment to Northwestern's excellence extends well beyond University Library, with gifts made to the Medical School, Medill School of Journalism, the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, and the Kellogg Graduate School of Management. Margaret Gerber received her undergraduate degree from Weinberg College and her medical degree in ophthalmology from Northwestern University Medical School.

Margaret and Kathryn Gerber's dedication to Northwestern stems from brother Jay Gerber's example. Jay Gerber, a former vice president of development and public relations for the University, urged his sister Margaret, then just out of medical school, to contribute to her alma mater. His advice established a lifelong pattern of generosity that has culminated in his sisters' most recent gift as well as the endowment of the J. Jay Gerber Chair in Dispute Resolution and Organizational Behavior at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

In exchange for a transfer of cash or marketable securities, this type of gift offers a contractually guaranteed schedule of fixed-income payouts whose annual rate is based largely on the beneficiary's age.

asset items (whose value may change over time); assigning a certain percentage of an estate's remainder value to Northwestern University Library; and establishing a charitable trust, which uses a specified amount of an estate to provide life income to one or more beneficiaries (the library receives the principal that remains after all beneficiaries have passed away).

Bequests

Building on a legacy that began with their mentor, legendary anthropologist and Northwestern professor Melville J. Herskovits, George M. (WCAS35) and Mary LeCron (WCAS36) Foster have disclosed their intention to leave a bequest to the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies and the library's anthropology collection. Their bequest will support the George and Mary LeCron Foster Collection in Anthropology for Mesa-America. The couple met as students under the tutelage of Herskovits, who not only introduced George Foster and Mary LeCron to one another but also to what would become their life work in anthropology.

In 1998 the University recognized the Fosters' generous contributions to an endowed fund they had created in previous years by naming the library's curatorship of the Herskovits Library in their honor. In a December 1998 ceremony, David Easterbrook, head of the Herskovits Library since 1991, was formally installed as George and Mary LeCron Foster Curator. Both accomplished authors in

their field, they recently signed books they have written that are part of the library's collection.

Bequests can be created in several different ways, including leaving a specified dollar amount to Northwestern University Library; designating certain



Mary LeCron Foster and George M. Foster flanked by David Easterbrook, George and Mary LeCron Foster Curator of the Herskovits Library of African Studies (left), and University Librarian David Bishop (right)

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Deering Society

Beryl Birndorf's annual support of the library as a member of the Deering Society (gifts of \$1,000 or more) has helped build the collections — both traditional and electronic. Traditional holdings have always been the backbone of libraries, but modes of information delivery have changed rapidly in the past decade with the growth of the Internet and the array of electronic materials available. While Birndorf (Weinberg '42) was quite familiar with University Library's traditional hold-



Beryl Birndorf

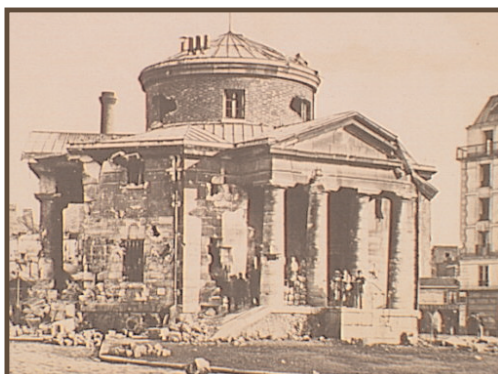
ings from his days as a student, he was introduced to the wealth of materials available in electronic format during a visit to the library a few years ago. "When I was a student at Northwestern, I spent many hours in the study carrels among the books, where it was quiet and private," Birndorf says. "That is what drew me back to giving to the library."

Taking its name from the family whose philanthropy in 1933 established the Charles Deering Library, the Deering Society is an annual giving society that recognizes gifts to any area of the Northwestern University Library, with a preference for unrestricted giving. Gifts from Deering Society members support such essential areas as collections, technology and computer equipment upgrades, and services to instruct library patrons.

Annual Fund

Lionel Digal (Weinberg '73) not only has made yearly gifts to the Library Annual Fund that help build the library's collections, he also has established a fund supporting the library's Preservation Department. Digal's affiliation with University Library began when he was a work-study student in the catalog department while earning his bachelor's degree in economics. Today he works as a manager of corporate accounting at Clorox Company in Oakland, which matches all of his gifts to the library. Digal's gifts have been instrumental in such projects as conserving the rare photographs from the Siege and Commune of Paris collection that is part of the holdings of the Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections.

Consisting of unrestricted gifts from alumni and friends, the Annual Fund allows the library to direct funds where they are most needed to enhance the collections. In the last five years gifts from alumni and friends have enabled Northwestern University Library to enhance its collections with \$1 million worth of intellectual materials beyond the regular budget for collections.



Rare photographs such as this are among the objects that have benefitted from Lionel Digal's support of the Preservation Department. Rotonde de la Barrière du Combat, 1871, from the Siege and Commune of Paris collection, Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SETS FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

Northwestern University Library's highest priority is to build its endowment to support collections, technology, and facilities. The library currently has an endowment of approximately \$68.8 million, which provides about 10 percent of the funding necessary to support the annual collection budget; gifts provide another 3 percent. Below are listed the most important giving opportunities and the library's most pressing needs.

Naming opportunities: Libraries

The [Donor Name] Music Library

Northwestern's Music Library is among the most distinguished such libraries in the country and is unparalleled in its holdings of serious 20th-century music. The library supports the instruction, research, study, and performance needs of faculty and students at the University. Although most collections and services are directed toward the School of Music, the Music Library supplements the music curricula of the Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Speech, and the Integrated Arts Program. Moreover, the Music Library's collections are used extensively by musicians from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Lyric Opera of Chicago and by scholars throughout the nation and world.

\$5 MILLION

The [Donor Name] Transportation Library

Recognized as the largest nongovernmental library of its kind, the Transportation Library at Northwestern maintains an extensive collection on U.S. and international transportation information that is vital to the rail, highway, airline, water, and pipeline industries. The Transportation Library collection emphasizes the socio-economics of transportation, with particular emphasis on management, operations, finance, planning, regulation, safety, and environmental impact. The Transportation

Library's resources support the international transportation and law enforcement communities. The library has formal relationships with Northwestern's Traffic Institute, the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, and Northwestern's Transportation Center, which has worked closely with industry professionals for more than 35 years.

\$5 MILLION

The [Donor Name] Government Publications and Maps Library

This library offers extensive collections of documents from government and international agencies. These significant primary materials include information published by the U.S. government, the United Nations, the European Union, the Organization of American States, and the state of Illinois. These resources of more than 1 million items form a cornerstone of University Library's historic and current collections that are critical to scholarly research in a wide variety of disciplines, providing access to both paper-based and electronic government information for faculty, students, staff, and the community at large.

Naming this library will provide endowment to strengthen holdings in six key areas:

- U.S. government publications, including congressional hearings, presidential papers, census statistics, and reports published by federal agencies
- state and local documents
- maps from state, federal, and international governments and commercial publishers
- data services such as numeric computer data files for research and teaching in the social sciences and in the field of education, health, management, and transportation
- legal resources consisting primarily of federal and Illinois statutes and regulations as well as decisions of the U.S. and Illinois supreme courts

\$2 MILLION

Naming opportunities: Facilities

The [Donor Name] General Information Center

The General Information Center (GIC), a cluster of 30 high-end computer workstations located on the library's busy main floor, is a critical nexus for students and faculty. It is a one-stop center that enables users to access the library's electronic resources (including many not accessible from outside the building) and connect to the Internet. With library staff serving as a professional resource, the GIC fosters a remarkable synergy among students, faculty, and librarians in how they collaborate to access information located throughout the world.

\$2.5 MILLION

The [Donor Name] Faculty Resource Center

This new facility pairs high-end equipment with bibliographers and digital multimedia experts from the library and staff from the University's Information Technology division in one convenient location, integrating previously separated University departments. The facility will encourage efficient interactions between various units that support campus research and computing needs, resulting in centralized services for users needing access to advanced technologies and bibliographic expertise.

\$2.5 MILLION

The [Donor Name] Undergraduate Resource Center—Core Collection

University Library has created this self-contained library for undergraduates that integrates the varied services and intellectual resources that students need in a one-stop location. These resources include the Writing Place, Reserve Services, and the Core Collection — a noncirculating 40,000-volume library selected by faculty to support the undergraduate curriculum at Northwestern. Reference librarians are on hand to answer questions as well as to solve problems and help locate the information needed by undergraduates. This facility, located on two levels of the main library's north tower, provides high-end workstations, digital data ports for 20 laptop computers, and small-group study rooms equipped with interactive computer technology. The Core Collection is open until 2 a.m. during the quarter and 24 hours a day at the end of each quarter.

\$1.25 MILLION

The [Donor Name] Electronic Reference Center

The Electronic Reference Center (ERC), located on the main floor of the library, is a specialized facility that gives users access — with professional assistance — to a range of sophisticated databases. These include highly specialized locally based databases that are available only at Northwestern University Library, networked resources on both the Chicago and Evanston campuses, and databases located around the world. The ERC is used by faculty and students as well as local businesses.

\$1 MILLION ENDOWMENT
\$500,000 GIFT IN KIND

Collection needs

Steady growth and expansion have been the hallmark of the collections at Northwestern. With changes in the curriculum and the advent of electronic materials, needs are spread throughout all subject areas. Major efforts are focused on meeting requests from faculty — particularly new faculty — and providing electronic resources for students. Areas targeted for immediate growth include

Music Library

The range of materials acquired by the Music Library is the largest of any Northwestern Library collection. The collection comprises books, scores, recordings, databases, journals, and multimedia products. Because the collection specializes in music of the 20th century, it makes systematic purchases of new printed materials as well as a great volume of music issued in CD format. Northwestern is also a leader in the acquisition of original manuscripts and archival materials relating to the music and musicians of the 20th century.

\$2.5 MILLION

International studies

Enhanced acquisitions in the area of international studies must include a strong component of basic-level and reference materials for the undergraduate as well as multivolume and large microform sets for student research papers and theses. Books and journals in this area — predominantly in foreign languages — span the humanities and social sciences, including language, literature, politics, history, ethnic and Diaspora studies, economics, urban studies, policy studies, anthropology, and sociology, among other disciplines.

\$2 MILLION



Electronic materials

The array of electronic resources on CD-ROM and available over the Internet is growing daily — and so are related costs. Each new generation of students arrives on campus better prepared than the last to fully utilize these resources. The cost of maintaining these materials strains a budget traditionally tied to less costly print materials. The library is concentrating on expanding its electronic holdings in the sciences and technology as well as in statistics and other fields related to economics.

\$1.8 MILLION

Undergraduate studies in the humanities

Needs in undergraduate studies include reference materials, newspapers and magazines, and basic and research-level electronic resources. The undergraduate humanities collection encompasses the world's literatures, arts, philosophies, and religions.

\$1.5 MILLION

Materials science

Serving the needs of one of Northwestern's most distinguished departments, this collection encompasses current resources that deal with the latest work in the field. The goal is to raise the library's collection from one tailored for instructional support to one supporting research.

\$1 MILLION

Transportation Library

The Transportation Library has set a goal to subscribe to more new journals, particularly those published outside North America. This will augment the book collection while accommodating new research needs.

\$900,000

Africana collection

One of University Library's most distinguished collections, the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies surpasses all other such libraries in the world in its comprehensive collection. Its holdings of newspapers and journals continuously need funds to add new titles. In addition, the library seeks to expand its holdings in African-produced videos, which are valued by Northwestern faculty and students as well as visiting scholars.

\$800,000

American cultural and social studies

This field is based in the humanities and social sciences and represents one of the University's model cross-disciplinary programs for undergraduate studies. The library currently is expanding its holdings in history, philosophy, linguistics, education, social policy, urban studies, immigrant and Diaspora studies, sociology, music, theater, and the arts — all in the North American context.

\$800,000

Cognitive studies

The library addresses cognitive studies through psychology, philosophy, linguistics, education, social policy, speech and speech communication, and anthropology. Its collections support the study of human perception, thinking, and learning.

\$800,000

New faculty special fund

Weinberg College estimates it will hire many new faculty members in the coming years, with many of them developing new or expanded curricula. With special library funds earmarked to meet the immediate needs of this new faculty, and those of other schools, the library can respond effectively to the needs of our newest professors.

\$800,000

Technology needs

On college campuses today libraries are among the leaders in the use of innovative technologies. University Library is committed to acquiring the right mix of electronic resources and making them available through the University's network. To maximize the usage of these cutting-edge materials, the library requires an up-to-date technological infrastructure.

Public workstations

Scholarly research in the 21st century requires greater access to electronic information. Much of this information is in various forms of multimedia, including sound and full-motion video. University Library must be able to provide access to this information for faculty, staff, and students through its public workstations. These workstations have to be sufficient in quantity and quality to provide our scholars and students with the tools they need for thorough and efficient research.

\$3 MILLION

Computing infrastructure

To ensure that University Library's public and staff workstations function properly, it is necessary to maintain a network of computer servers that deliver software and data to these workstations. The need for these servers is increasing as the library strives to deliver more sophisticated tools and services to patrons and staff. As technology development accelerates, this need will grow even greater and become more critical to the library's mission.

\$3 MILLION

Staff workstations

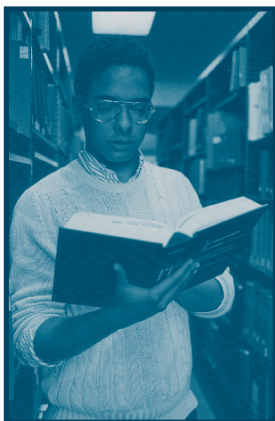
University Library has a large staff dedicated to providing service to the Northwestern community and the scholarly community around the world. To continue to offer high-quality service, it will be necessary to make sure our staff members have a sufficient quantity of robust workstations that allow them to work effectively and efficiently.

\$2 MILLION

Networking infrastructure

The University ties all of its workstations and servers together with a network of wiring and equipment. This networking infrastructure also provides access to information and electronic services from all over the world. Speeding up networking and maintaining its effectiveness will be a key element in the library's effectiveness in the 21st century.

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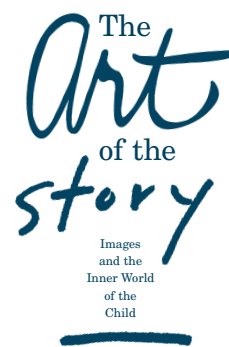
ART OF THE STORY HAS HAPPY ENDING

The first-ever North American appearance of the Illustrators of Children's Fiction Exhibit from the Bologna (Italy) Children's Book closed at Northwestern University Library on June 4, 2000, after a six-week showing. The exhibit featured original art by 80 illustrators of children's fiction selected by a distinguished international jury from nearly 1,000 artists from around the world.

A series of performances and lectures held in conjunction with the exhibit called *The Art of the Story* celebrated illustration as well as the visual and performing arts and their combined power to enrich the lives of children and young people. "These events explored the rich layers of storytelling in oral, performance, visual, written, and academic traditions," says Harrie Hughes, library development director and exhibit project coordinator.

The exhibit and related programming provided an opportunity to showcase the library's own distinguished collection of international children's books, including books from the distinguished Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies, the Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections, and illustrated books by international nominees for the Hans Christian Andersen Awards.

The exhibit and related performances involved partnerships with many departments and organizations on campus and off — including the Illinois Humanities Council — with all parties working together for the project's success. Because of its international scope, the project also raised Northwestern University Library's visibility. "*The Art of the Story* positioned



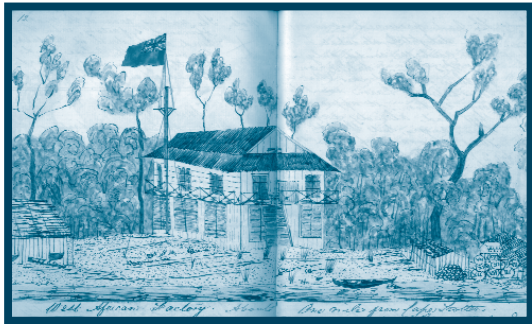
the library as a creative leader in the humanities," Hughes says. "The library served as a catalyst by drawing many disciplines and schools together in a cooperative and successful venture that reached well beyond the campus and academic community."

Joining Hughes in planning the events were Leslie Bjornkrantz, bibliographer for education, management, psychology, and communications sciences and disorders; Jeffrey Garrett, bibliographer for Western languages and literatures; and an able staff of more than 30 volunteers. An article on the project appeared in the December 2000 issue of *American Libraries*.

HERSKOVITS LIBRARY ACQUIRES RARE MANUSCRIPT

An illustrated manuscript by Lt. George Truman Morrell titled *Journal of the Niger Expedition: H.M.S. Investigator, November 1865* recently was added to the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies. This rare work is a personal account, never published, of one man's experiences in mid-19th-century Africa, says David Easterbrook, George and Mary LeCron Foster Curator of the Herskovits Library.

In 1865 Morrell (1830–1912) led an expedition up the Niger River through what is now Nigeria at the request of the British government in order to protect missionaries threatened by King Obi



Original illustration by Lt. George Truman Morrell of his expedition up the Niger River, taken from his personal journal.

Akazua of Onitsha. The account records Morrell's progress up the river, details his impressions of villages and people, describes the economy of river trade, recounts the territorial rivalries among the kingdoms and their effect upon the English, and tells of Morrell's meeting with King Obi Akazua.

The manuscript, purchased with funds from the George M. and Mary LeCron Foster Endowed Fund, is the only copy in existence, making it an extremely rare scholarly resource, says Easterbrook. The Herskovits Library, established in 1954, is the largest discrete Africana collection in existence.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OFFERS WEB DOCUMENT DELIVERY SERVICE

Northwestern University Library's Interlibrary Loan services now include electronic delivery of photocopied articles over the Internet. This new service allows patrons to have a full-text article delivered on request over the Web without setting foot in the library, says Laurel Minott, assistant university librarian for public services.

"Patrons no longer need to come in to the library to pick up printed copies of articles requested through Interlibrary Loan," Minott says. "The articles in a patron's account are accessible from any

computer with a Web browser, on or off campus." The articles can either be read online or printed using Adobe Acrobat software, which can be downloaded from the library at [www.library](http://www.library.northwestern.edu/ILL/prospero.html)

.northwestern.edu/ILL/prospero.html. Patrons can submit requests for articles online or in person at the Interlibrary Loan service desk.

In order to receive documents from Interlibrary Loan, patrons must have a valid e-mail address, as notification of received articles will take place via e-mail. When a requested article arrives, users will receive an e-mail containing a link to the document delivery Web page, the user name (patron's e-mail address), and a four-digit PIN. Documents then can be viewed at any time by going to the document delivery Web page and entering the user name and PIN. After logging in, users see a list of links to the documents. The documents will remain available for up to 21 days or after five viewings, whichever comes first.

For more information, visit the Interlibrary Loan Web page at www.library.northwestern.edu/ILL or send questions and comments to ill-request@northwestern.edu.

ALLGEMEINE BAUZEITUNG: A FEAT ACCOMPLISHED

The highest order of excellence in the humanities requires extensive collections of primary materials. Research paradigms shift and methods evolve, but the need for long-out-of-print periodicals remains a constant in all libraries. The strongest humanities libraries tend to be at the oldest and best-endowed universities, whose holdings of periodicals are awe inspiring. Is it possible to catch up? Can an institution locate a research treasure such as 50 or 80 years of a journal that long ago ceased publication?

University Library has proved that it can be done, given enough enthusiasm and persistence. Working with antiquarian dealers and using a long and ambitious desiderata list, Rochelle Elstein — former art bibliographer and current bibliographer for communications, dance, Jewish studies, journalism, performance studies, radio/television/film, religion, and theater — pursued many titles. Over time, she helped raise additional funds to build the library's collection of 19th- and 20th-century architectural journals. The keystone of this collection is *Allgemeine Bauzeitung*, which the library has been attempting to buy since 1986. Elstein saw that a complete run of this pioneering Viennese periodical, published between 1836 and 1918, was being offered by a German dealer, and she immediately ordered it. *Allgemeine Bauzeitung* provides the earliest view of European architecture, construction, and urbanization during the 19th century. The breadth of its geographical and subject scope is complemented by illustrative

material that includes lithographs, engravings, and photographs of plans, technical developments, buildings, and projects.

In completing this acquisition, the library had financial support from the Library Board of Governors, the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts of Chicago, and the Mrs. Harold C. Martin Fund to add to the library's funds. "We are indebted to these groups for making it possible to realize a goal that has frequently eluded our grasp," Elstein says.

Universities, especially private ones with schools of architecture, often have stellar collections of architectural serials from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard have enviable depth in these areas because they acquired the journals as they were published. Over the last decade and a half, Elstein has acquired journals of architecture and urban planning that complement University Library's great depth in engineering periodicals. Several French journals have been added in their entirety, as have German and British titles. First among these periodicals is *The Builder*, an incomparable source for the study of architectural and urban history and the rise of the building profession.

For many of these purchases, the library called upon the support of some of Chicago's leading architectural and engineering firms and extremely generous individual donors. It is fitting that University Library makes these essential resources available to everyone, regardless of affiliation. With art history graduate students already turning to these invaluable journals, it was clear that such serials already have a role in the work of future generations of scholars at Northwestern.

TRYING "OUT LOUD": A HISTORICAL MULTIMEDIA COLLABORATION

University Library staff recently collaborated with Northwestern political science professor Jerry Goldman to create History and Politics Out Loud (HPOL), a searchable online archive of historically and politically significant audio materials for scholars, teachers, and students.

HPOL is a collection of invaluable audio materials — some available for the first time on this site — capturing significant political and historical events and personalities of the 20th century, Goldman says. "The materials range from formal addresses delivered in public settings to private telephone conversations conducted from the innermost recesses of the White House," he says. "The goal was to provide an accessible source of audio information to enliven instruction and scholarship in history and politics and to enable easy access for all persons to the rich audio archives of American history and politics."

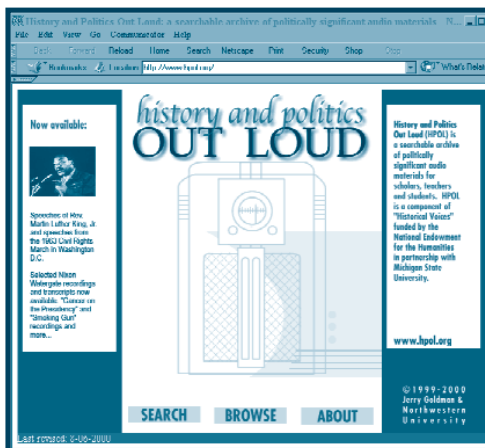
To create a searchable online archive of the audio files, Goldman worked with M. Claire Dougherty, the library's head of digital media services; to create the site architecture and infrastructure, he worked with Stu Baker, library Web master. Dougherty and Baker took the digitized sound files, originally taken from analog formats (e.g., vinyl discs, reel-to-reel tape, audiocassettes), and created a site that is searchable by speech/conversation title, speaker, date, subject, or transcript. To listen to the files, users need to download Real Player software (available free from Real Networks) or the

QuickTime Player (available free from Apple Computer).

Transcripts of the speeches and conversations are available on the site in case some of the audio is difficult to understand. However, it is the ability to hear the words of individuals such as Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, and Franklin D. Roosevelt that carries impact and provides valuable resources to researchers, scholars, and students using the site, Dougherty says. "You can't hear inflections and nuances in the speaker's voice by reading a transcript or textbook," she says.

HPOL, supported by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities Teaching with Technology program and the Digital Library Initiative, is part of the National Gallery of the Spoken Word, which is an online repository of spoken word collections. A collaborative project among the humanities, engineering, and library science, the gallery will provide the first large-scale repository of its kind through the identification and digital preservation of crucial materials in tape libraries throughout the United States. The gallery is a joint project with Michigan State University, the Chicago Historical Society, and the University of Colorado.

To experience HPOL, visit www.hpol.org.



Biblio-file

DAVID EASTERBROOK, George and Mary LeCron Foster Curator of the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies, has been named the 2000–01



library fellow to the Alice Berline Kaplan Center for the Humanities of Northwestern University.

The center's theme this year, "Black Identities, Race, and Modernity,"

focuses on the ways that the advent of modernity has shaped and been shaped by the subjection of New World Africans to racial oppression. Easterbrook's study, "Perspectives on Melville Herskovits's *Myth of the Negro Past* and Its Role in the Discourse on Race in Mid-20th Century America," speaks to this theme while also, says Easterbrook, "promoting a greater understanding of the work and influence of Melville J. Herskovits, one of Northwestern University's most prominent faculty members."

The project will focus on the creation of Herskovits's book *The Myth of the Negro Past* and place it in the context of discourse on race at that time. It also will focus on the scholarly and popular reactions to the book in the aftermath of its publication. In addition, the study will assess the impact of the book on the development of thinking about race in this country. In conjunction with Easterbrook's presentation of his findings, an exhibit on *The Myth of the Negro Past*, with materials from the Melville J. Herskovits Papers, will be on display at University Library during fall 2001.

Easterbrook has been the head of the Herskovits Library since 1991, and he was formally installed as the George and Mary LeCron Foster Curator in 1998. Prior to his arrival at Northwestern, Easterbrook held positions at Syracuse University, Indiana University, and the University of

Illinois at Chicago. As an African history major at Kalamazoo College in Michigan, he spent a year at the University of Nairobi. He returned to Africa for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer to Kenya. Easterbrook went on to obtain graduate degrees in library science at the State University of New York at Albany and in African history at Syracuse University. He was a Fulbright Scholar in 1989 at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London.

¶ The Committee on Institutional Cooperation has been awarded an \$884,965 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for its sixth cooperative preservation microfilming project. As one of nine participating libraries, Northwestern University Library will receive \$77,872 to preserve 400 volumes of newspapers from the Africana collection.

¶ BILL MCHUGH, reference librarian, has been elected vice chair/chair-elect of the Machine-Assisted Reference Section of the American Library Association's Reference and User Services Association. "This is a great honor and shows the high regard in which Bill is viewed by his colleagues," says Betsy Baker, head of Northwestern University Library's Reference Department. "All of us in the reference department are very proud of him."

¶ University Library's ROBERTO SARMIENTO was elected president of the recently established Midwest chapter of REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to the Spanish Speaking. To learn more about REFORMA, visit its Web site at www.reforma.org.

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