Collections that Make a Difference

Great libraries are judged on the value and excellence of their collections. The University Libraries’ special collections not only define who we are, but more importantly set us apart from our peers. Interacting with our unique collections, Texas A&M students, researchers, and faculty are able to develop groundbreaking research that makes a difference not only in our community, but around the world.

Whether collections are obtained through rare book dealers, donated by collectors, or given by those who wish to preserve their life’s work, the Libraries require philanthropy to acquire and maintain these collections. Costs are both staff and materials-related and include adding the materials to our catalog, housing the materials, and any costs related to digitization making the material more accessible.

The Libraries’ vision to provide access to cutting edge materials to support a wide range of academic and professional fields represented in the disciplines across Texas A&M. We believe that accessibility is the hallmark of successful special collections and we continuously explore new ways to improve the physical and virtual discovery of our collections, including the scholarly output of the university.

Examples of our collections include Texas & Borderlands, Military History, Science Fiction & Fantasy, Language & Literature, Book & Printing History, Gender & Ethnic Studies, History of Ideas, as well as the Texas A&M University Archives.
Goals
Help us meet our goals to build the Libraries’ Collections:

• Digitization of our Collections/Archives including equipment and personnel $5.0 million total

• Special Collections Endowment $3.0 million total

• General Collections Endowment $2.0 million total

Ways to Help
• Establish an endowment or add to an existing endowment to support collections, renovations, projects or other Libraries’ priorities. Endowments begin at the $25,000 level.

• Create your legacy through a planned gift. A planned gift can protect your assets, provide for your family and ensure income during your lifetime. With a charitable bequest through your will you can make a meaningful impact by making a gift that doesn’t cost you anything during your lifetime.

• Make a blended gift (both current and planned gift).

Impact
Your gifts allow the University Libraries to acquire and provide access to unique and cutting edge materials to support a wide range of academic and professional fields that are continually evolving. We are also exploring new ways and new technologies to improve the physical and virtual discovery of our collections, including the scholarly output of the university. Your gift, no matter the size, truly matters to us.

To support the University Libraries in their ongoing endeavors,
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