Preserving our Traditions

The Libraries’ Preservation Unit has two main tools in the preservation of materials.

The first is to use conservation skills to repair and maintain the integrity of fragile, artistic and historic items so that they remain physically accessible to students and researchers. This requires a state of the art lab staffed with trained professionals who have experience executing this exacting and specific work.

Secondly, digitization allows the Libraries to maintain the integrity of the original item while increasing the item’s accessibility to all researchers. The unit is constantly working to digitize the Libraries’ vast collections including rare books, photographs, maps, artworks, videos and all of the materials in the Texas A&M University Archives.

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Goals
Help us meet our goals to build the Traditions Preservation Lab:

- Equipment and Furnishings including scanners, cutters and other specialized items unique to a preservation lab: $2.0 million total
- Named Conservator Position/Endowment: $1.0 million total
- Digitization of our Collections/Archives including scanning equipment and personnel: $5.0 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 create a world-class set of collections that aid researchers and scholars by maintaining the integrity of our physical and digital collections for generations to come; enhancing our reputation by digitizing our collections making them discoverable to the world; and safeguarding Aggie history, tradition and legacy. Your gift, no matter the size, truly matters to us.

*To support the University Libraries in their ongoing endeavors,*

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