



Exhibition Equipment Special Collections/University Archives

Background

Exhibitions are important teaching and outreach tools for libraries and archives. University Archives, Rare Books, and Photographic Archives support regular schedules of exhibitions in their galleries and exhibition areas, as well as producing special exhibits with community partners, in response to special events, and to allow viewing of rare and valuable pieces by large groups and school audiences. While these special exhibits sometimes occur in gallery spaces or in vertical cases in the lobby outside the Rare Books' gallery LL02, several times each semester programs require or request exhibits in other parts of the building, particularly in Ekstrom Library's new wing, outside the Chao Auditorium. On very special occasions, materials from Special Collections and University Archives go out into the community. In addition, Rare Books maintains a permanent exhibition of artifacts from the Edgar Rice Burroughs collections, which attracts out-of-town visitors and fans on a weekly basis, as well as being a popular feature of K-12 and University group tours.

Project

Current equipment for Special Collections' and University Archives' exhibitions is aging, outdated, insecure, and inflexible. New exhibition cases and appropriate gallery lighting will provide more opportunities for collaboration and display of U of L's invaluable collections.

Benefits

- Enhance visibility and access to the University of Louisville's unique treasures
- Protect priceless materials and artifacts
- Donor's name associated with exhibitions and programs featuring historic archives, photographs, books and artifacts

Cost

The total investment required for this project is \$240,000. This includes:

- Gallery lighting and walls in LL 02: \$90,000
- Renovation of permanent Edgar Rice Burroughs exhibition: \$80,000
- Renovation of exhibition cases in lobby area outside LL02: \$35,000
- Movable exhibition cases for use by Special Collections, University Archives, and special programs within Ekstrom Library: 2 @ \$15,000 each
- Portable exhibit case for community events: \$5,000

How to Get Involved

Outright donors, individuals, groups, companies and others may work together to create collaborative support. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Cheryl Crane with the University of Louisville at 502-852-3523 or cheryl.crane@louisville.edu.