



Darwin Martin House

# Redesigning Special Collections

Redesign of the University Libraries Special Collections area, enhanced by the infusion of digital and emerging technologies, will create a dynamic, innovative environment for research and discovery. Our aim is to engender a leadership role for the University at Buffalo by expanding access to our unique and internationally significant collections.

## CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

The *Center for Excellence in Visual and Literary Arts through Digital Technology* will facilitate creative scholarship by using state-of-the-art digital technologies to expand access to the unique materials in the UB Libraries' Special Collections. The *Center* will explore the *process* as well as the *product* of creation in a digital environment. The *Center* will be a place where UB's creative faculty convenes for the teaching, research and scholarly facets of their campus lives... a place that informs the creativity of UB artists and exports their progressive points of view.



## FELLOWSHIPS

The University Libraries and the UB Humanities Institute offer three research fellowships to encourage visiting scholars to use the extraordinary assets of Special Collections:

**THE CHARLES D. ABBOTT FELLOWSHIP** supports research encompassing any aspect of Special Collections.

**THE JAMES JOYCE FELLOWSHIP** supports research and study related to the world-renowned James Joyce Collection.

**THE DAVID GRAY FELLOWSHIP** supports research related to any materials held in Special Collections.

## UB'S SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

- o The Poetry Collection
- o The Rare Books Collection
- o University Archives

## SIGNIFICANT UB SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

### JAMES JOYCE COLLECTION:

The most extensive collection of James Joyce manuscripts found in any library or museum.

### DARWIN MARTIN HOUSE PAPERS:

Plans, photographs, and artifacts, plus the correspondence between Frank Lloyd Wright and Darwin D. Martin surrounding construction of this Prairie-style architectural landmark.

### LOVE CANAL PAPERS:

Extensive records documenting the controversies associated with the Love Canal and related toxic waste sites in Niagara County, NY.

### MAIL ART:

Significant collections of a progressive art form which embraces the U.S. Postal Service as its medium.

### THE POETRY COLLECTION:

World-renowned collection of books, manuscripts and little magazines documenting contemporary poetry, poets, and cultural communities.

## REDESIGN FEATURES

### CLASSROOM/SEMINAR ROOM

State-of-the-art, technology-equipped classrooms will offer flexible seating for 25-30 students, and support access, through teaching, to the rare and unique materials in Special Collections. Exposure to the original objects will be intensified by the presentation of digitally reformatted and enhanced versions.

### EXHIBIT AND LECTURE SPACE

Attractive and inviting exhibit space will be outfitted with secure, material-friendly display cases. The redesigned exhibit space will host campus and community events and presentations related to the *Center* and Special Collections.

### SECURE READING ROOM

A secure, quiet space will enable researchers and students to work directly with rare materials and conduct the preliminary investigations that must precede the creation of digital surrogates and derivative works. It will provide ample work areas for solitary users and rooms for group study and media playback.

### FUNCTIONAL WORK AREAS

Reconfigured staff work areas will promote the sharing of resources and expertise. A work area for *Center* research and development will provide space to develop educational tools, new editions, and other derivatives of the digital objects.

### STACK SPACE DESIGN

Reconfigured stack space will facilitate efficient, condensed storage of special materials in various formats.



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<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/about/specialcollections.html>

## TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED: \$3 MILLION

Name the Classroom/Seminar Room:	\$500,000
Name the Exhibit/Reception Area:	\$500,000
Endow the Abbott Fellowship:	\$500,000
Endow a Collection:	\$50,000-\$200,000

