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Archives and Special Collections
University of Minnesota Retirees Association
September 27, 2016

Kris Kiesling, Director
Elmer L. Andersen Library
One of the largest special collections departments in a university library in the country
By the numbers:
• 3000 on-site researchers
• 17,000 research queries annually
• 31,000 items circulated in 2015
• Researchers from 23 countries
Curators and archivists teach over 300 classes a year—elementary school to life-long learners.
Programming

- First Fridays
- Lectures and symposia
- Exhibits
Friends groups

- Friends of the Libraries
- Friends of Sherlock Holmes
- Kerlan Friends
- Tretter Collection Advisory Committee
- Friends of the IHRCA
- Bell Associates
Fellowships

- Andersen Research Scholars
- Hollinshead
- Keats
- Clarke Chambers
- IHRCA Grants
- William Reese Company
Grants

Since 2010 the department has been awarded over $2.4m in grant funds from federal and state agencies, and private foundations

– Umbra

– Minnesota’s Natural History

– Digitizing African American Archival Materials Across Collections

– Guthrie Theater
Acquisitions

• The department brings in approximately 2000 linear feet of material every year
• Most collections come as gifts

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The Collections

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• Immigration History Research Center Archives
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• Sherlock Holmes Collections
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ALL CONNECTIONS WITH NUTS AND BOLTS - NO SOLDERING REQUIRED
CHANGE DESIGN OF MACHINE IN MINUTES
EASY TO UNDERSTAND INSTRUCTION BOOK ENCLOSED
How One Little Girl with a Burroughs Keeps the Evinrude Books

BOOKKEEPING had become a problem for the Evinrude Motor Company. Posting ledgers, taking inventory, and getting out statements by hand, took more and more time as the number of accounts increased.

400 Postings a Day

This was painstaking work and took all the time of two bookkeepers. Still they could have managed—It hadn’t been for the lady who showed up at the end of a busy week.

Over 1000 Statements

Even working overtime wouldn’t get those statements cut out on the last of the month. So the work dragged along, often to the work. Yet the management knew that any mistakes in accounts payable... something had to be done.

Finding the Way Out

It was a Burroughs Ledger Posting and Statement Machine that solved the problem. It made one little girl do all the work.

The Burroughs ledger posting and statement machine is a calculator that balance on every changed account, posting out all of the statements on the first work-time to spare for other work. The Evinrude Company uses it to cut the last day.

Old balance, date, names like 1234, 5678, etc., credits, and automatically computed new balance, are automatically entered on the ledger page. No special training is necessary to operate the Burroughs.

Daily Balance and Proof of Posting

At the same time the Burroughs automatically lists each day’s postings which are totaled against the total from the posting machine—thus immediately checking and proving the work.

And the credit department can know the balance of any account any time at a glance.

All the Statements in One Day

Saves time and worry of getting out the statements has entirely disappeared. The whole batch is taken off the book by machine and mailed at the same day.

A Little Girl Can Keep Your Books

This was the little girl, the Burroughs and the Evinrude books, in typical of hundreds of other offices. No matter where an office is located you can save money, raise accuracy and increase efficiency by adding a Burroughs help your book and get out your statements.

Let the Burroughs company show you how to cut down your bookkeeping time as your volume grows. Your Burroughs expert can take the time to explain the various Bookkeeping... and the way to get the most out of it.

Hi there! Did you have a good weekend?

CSE
Microelectronics
Group
Children's Literature Research Collections

The CLRC is an internationally recognized resource in the field of children’s literature, particularly the Kerlan Collection.
But then he saw a fuzzy grey kitten way over here which was every bit as pretty as the others so he took it too.

And now he saw one way down in a corner which he thought too lovely to leave so he took the...
Melissa Sweet tried out various versions of the elephant balloon that appears throughout *Balloons Over Broadway*. This elephant balloon is featured on the big, surprising vertical spread at the climax of the finished book.

**Engineer a Thought:**

This section shows how Melissa Sweet tried different versions before deciding on a final elephant. What is different between all these elephants? What details stayed in the final version of the book?

Click on the thumbnails below to view the images in more detail.

![Elephant Sketch and Notes](image1)

![Sketch Including the Elephant](image2)

![Elephant Balloon Painted on a Blimp](image3)
Archie Givens, Sr. Collection of African American Literature

The Givens Collection is rich in African American literature and culture.
POEMS
ON
VARIOUS SUBJECTS,
RELIGIOUS AND MORAL,
BY
PHILLIS WHEATLEY,
NEGRO SERVANT TO MR. JOHN WHEATLEY,
of Boston, in New England.

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NARRATIVE
OF
SOJOURNER TRUTH,
A
NORTHERN SLAVE,
EMANCIPATED FROM BODILY SERVITUDE BY THE STATE OF
NEW YORK, in 1828.

WITH A PORTRAIT.

BOSTON:
PRINTED FOR THE AUTHOR:
1830.
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The IHRCA holds organizational records and personal papers documenting immigrant and refugee life.
Digitizing Immigrant Letters
The Bell Library documents the history and impact of international trade prior to 1800, illustrating the ways in which cultural influences expanded worldwide.
Kautz Family YMCA Archives

The YMCA Archives documents the work of the YMCA of the USA and local YMCAs from the 1850s to the present. The archives contain extensive information regarding programs in religion, education, physical education, sports, and leisure.
May 31, 1918

Dear Mother,

As you have seen by the papers things have been humming here and consequently we have been rather busy all the men in my division have had to go up to help hold the line and keep the Boche from getting through to Paris. So we closed the cantines and these little towns are so empty as my two helmet. You ought to see how becoming it is to live and as for the gas mask that is a thing to be thankful. I'll send you a picture of it but the "Censor" wouldn't pass it.

Last night Louise de Boris and I had the most interesting experience. The officers stopped for us at the little school house about 9 o'clock and we loaded on our trunks etc. and were taken to the railroad station at 13 where the troops were entraining. There we stayed all night.