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The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

In November, the UNC Library celebrated the **addition of our six millionth book**. The ceremonial volume was a first edition of John Keats's *Poems*, published in 1817, and part of a 500-item Keats collection, purchased in 2008 with support from the John Wesley and Anna Hodgkin Hanes Foundation of Winston-Salem. Through its foundation, the Hanes family has funded each of UNC's millionth volumes in an arrangement that we believe is unique among research libraries.

We achieved several **digital library milestones**. We have now scanned and uploaded more than 4,000 books to the Internet Archive with our Scribe high-speed scanner. We also developed the first production-level institutional repository using integrated iRODS and Fedora technologies.

The Library's **Special Collections** began the year with a new organizational structure that promotes closer integration and collaboration across all special collections as well as with other parts of the Library. Alongside the established special collections departments, new units oversee technical services and public and instructional services for the special collections.

As we closed the year, the library had active and newly awarded **grants totaling \$3.4 million**. Many of these grants support development of digital library projects and programs. Other grants support film preservation, technical processing, foreign materials acquisition, and the North Carolina Literary Festival.

The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

As with nearly all libraries, the **budget** is the most significant challenge we face in the coming year. Although a final state budget is still being determined by the legislature, we joined all UNC units in implementing preliminary cuts. In anticipation of additional reductions, we have begun serials cancellations, held vacant positions, restricted travel, and taken other actions to minimize the impact.

Library facilities pose a challenge for this year and the foreseeable future. Both Davis Library and Wilson Library need significant upgrades to comply with current code requirements before the Department of Insurance will authorize much needed upgrades and renovations. Although DOI has cleared both buildings for use as currently configured, these requirements prevent us from making even small-scale improvements.

Other Developments

The **North Carolina Literary Festival** will take place on the UNC campus Sept. 10-13, 2009. Anna Deveare Smith will be one of the keynote speakers. This year's festival will feature extensive children's programming in addition to an exciting line-up of authors and performers for all audiences. Visit www.ncliteraryfestival.org for information and volunteer opportunities.

The Library is engaged in a **strategic planning** effort to set priorities for the upcoming three to five years. Most items in the Library's 2005-2010 plan (<http://www.lib.unc.edu/Plan20071025.pdf>) have been substantially completed.