SESSION 504 - Doing More by Doing Less: Stopping Programs Without Regret
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Reeling to an End: The Conclusion of Microfilm Services at the University of Kentucky Libraries
The University of Kentucky, the flagship public university for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, is a research-extensive, land-grant university dedicated to improving people’s lives through excellence in teaching, research, health care, cultural enrichment, and economic development. As the premier research library in the commonwealth, UK Libraries provides ever-expanding access to quality information resources, teaching and learning programs and services, and excellent learning spaces. UK Libraries plays an essential role in the University’s goal to elevate the quality of life and enhance the intellectual and economic capital within Kentucky.

As part of UK Libraries, the Special Collections Research Centers provides free and public access to primary resources through its digital library ExploreUK (exploreuk.uky.edu), the Kentucky Digital Newspaper Program (kdnp.omeka.net), the Kentucky Digital Library (kdl.kyvl.org), and the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History (www.kentuckyoralhistory.org).

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Archivists killed the video star: supporting institutional archives through library reorganization
La Salle University was established in Philadelphia in 1863 through the legacy of St. John Baptist de La Salle and the Christian Brothers teaching order, which St. La Salle founded in 1680. La Salle is an educational community shaped by traditional Catholic and Lasallian values. Guided by this mission, Connelly Library promotes the pursuit of knowledge by means of all appropriate media. Library faculty and staff have the primary responsibility for defining, developing, and organizing the library’s collections, services, and facilities necessary to this pursuit. Library faculty share with the other members of the University community the responsibility for the education of students as independent learners and critical thinkers.

The Library’s Archives and Digital Initiatives Department merges the Library’s former Media and Digital Services Department with the University Archives. This new department is charged with preserving, sharing, and promoting La Salle University’s history and scholarship in print and digital formats. In addition to the University’s historical collections, ADI administers Digital Commons, La Salle’s institutional repository, and digitizes unique materials from the Archives and Connelly Library’s Special Collections.
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Creating a Resource Sharing Partnership: Relocation of the South Carolina Historical Society Archives to the College of Charleston

The South Carolina Historical Society is the largest and oldest private repository of archival materials in the state of South Carolina. Established in 1855, the SCHS is governed by an independent Board of Managers and financed through an endowment and membership dues with grants from both private and government agencies providing supplementary funds for special projects. With an annual budget of just over $650,000 and a staff of 12 employees, the South Carolina Historical Society leverages priceless holdings to serve thousands of researchers annually, conduct educational outreach, plan programming, install exhibits, and raise awareness.

Founded in 1770, the College of Charleston is the oldest educational institution south of Virginia, and the 13th oldest in the United States. With a staff of 65 employees, the annual budget of the College of Charleston’s Addlestone library is $5.5 million. The Special Collections department was founded to support the teaching and learning mission of the College and to promote scholarship on the South Carolina Lowcountry and the broader Atlantic World. Special Collections holdings include over 600 manuscript collections related to the history and culture of the South Carolina Lowcountry, the archives of the College of Charleston, and more than 40,000 rare books and pamphlets.

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The Great Processing Freeze of 2014

The Pennsylvania State University, founded in 1855, is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s sole land-grant institution and its largest public university. Penn State’s land-grant mission embraces teaching, research, and public service in order to support the citizens of the Commonwealth, collaborating with industrial, educational, and agricultural partners to create, disseminate, integrate, and apply knowledge that is valuable to society.

The university’s Special Collections Library was created in the 1970s when the Rare Books Room, the Historical Collections and Labor Archives, and the Penn State Room were joined administratively as a singular unit. In 1999 the three units of the units were relocated into a single facility in PSU’s Paterno Library.