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SUBJ: **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2010-2011**

NARRATIVE

The time to compile and create this annual report came and went in a flurry of summer 2011 activity. Although the 2009-2010 report set no specific goals for 2010-2011, it did note a major grant, anticipated completion of several long-term collection projects, continuing space and preservation issues, a new collections initiative, and approaching retirements. It is safe to report that it was a full year.

- CLIR grant to process the Becking Collection, part of a broad initiative by the California Digital Library to uncover hidden collections on California environmental history: nearing completion, collection will be open for research in November
- Projects/collections completion:
 - Thomas Buckley Papers opened for research (MLIS internship project with Edie)
 - Peter E Palmquist Working Photograph Collection opened for research, including the A.W. Ericson series with 445 images added to the Humboldt Room Photos database (MLIS internship for this portion with Edie)
 - Tim McKay Papers opened for research; work continues on the Tim McKay Postcard Collection
 - HCC Maps Collection entered into the Humboldt Room Maps database (cartography internship with Joan and Edie)
 - Several smaller collections were also handled, including adding images to the Humboldt Room Photos database (MLIS internship project and HSU Museum and Gallery Studies internships with Edie and Joan).
- Space and preservation issues: Storage space for processed and unprocessed collections has been confirmed through the Library Basement Policy Task Force Recommendations in Spring 2010. However, public space in the Humboldt Room continues to be insufficient, and processing space remains on an ad-hoc basis, negotiated with each project, hardly an efficient method of operation. See the 2005-2006 annual report for full documentation and a proposal for expanded public space; this was not taken forward. Space issues are also referred to in the report done in Spring 2011 by Barclay Ogden as part of a CSU initiated evaluation of Special Collections preservation needs. (Both reports are on the Library Intranet, under Special Collections.)

- Environmental Activism collection initiative: adding to the strengths recognized by the Becking and McKay collections, Edie has made progress on her initial list. These are all either stored in the basement Special Collections area and/or will be in the near future.
 - Humboldt Watershed Council – “HWC was founded in 1997 in response to widespread complaints of damage to water quality, habitat, stream conditions, and private property due to intensified logging by the Pacific Lumber Company”. Two parts have been received: 6 boxes from Bob Martel end 2009 and 35 boxes plus 5 file cabinets from Ken Miller, dating from early 1990s to 2005.
 - Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) – Approximately 50 boxes plus rolled materials will be received in the near future (October 29) after an extensive review process.
 - Jud Ellinwood Collection – Approximately 20 boxes received in August 2011 concerning salmonid fisheries.
 - Northcoast Environmental Center (NEC) – Approximately 55 boxes are here; these directly complement the McKay collection.

- Approaching retirements: Edie has announced her intention to retire at the end of this fiscal year.

It has been a full year, with continuing emphasis on providing substantial digital content, from participating in the pilot OpenLibrary.org initiative with Humboldt Room content, to adding images to the Humboldt Room Photos and Maps database, to creating finding aids and exploring multiple ways to present them digitally, including through HDS. Collection processing remains a high priority and reference service statistics increased despite service hours reduction and summer closure.

GOALS FOR 2011-2012

- Plan for Edie’s replacement
- Complete as many projects as possible before Edie retires
- Promote/market all the accomplishments noted above

STATISTICS

	Reshelve	HR ref/ 3 rd count	Photo Searches	OAC Searches	Hours Open M-F
2010-11	3695	1350/1356	31,304	109,680	22/wk (18)
2009-10	4015	1180/1110	40,503	38,812	24/wk
2008-09	5046	1518/1848	23,039	21,414	32/fall; 26/sp
2007-08	5804	1615/2574	22,196	32,064	42/wk
2006-07	5340	1525/2663	24,948	n.a.	42/wk
2005-06	6391	1858/2851	40,469	n.a.	42/wk