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My time as a Special Collections Intern within Special Collections has been a really interesting exploration of the intersection of history, sustainability, and accessibility. At the heart of my role is to enhance access to our archiving materials on our digital platform. A cornerstone of my responsibilities as an intern has been the maintenance of a detailed internship log, a document that serves not only as a record of my experiences and challenges but also as a testament to the transformative nature of this journey. Through this reflective practice, I have gained a deeper understanding of the intricacies involved in archival work, from the complexities of cataloging to the ethical considerations inherent in preserving historical narratives. Through my involvement as a Library Scholar Intern, I have not only deepened my appreciation for the importance of preserving our collective heritage but have also gained invaluable insights into the power of collaboration, sustainability, and accessibility in shaping the future of archival stewardship.