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As for my time at Special Collections, it has been an indescribable experience. I have learned so much about archival procedures and I am excited to continue learning more. My favorite work so far has been learning how to generate metadata for the photographs in the Genzoli Collection. These photos are incredibly interesting and I love analyzing them for historical context and doing research on them to discover more about what they depict and were taken for. I have also loved digitizing our collection to make it available online for public access as I think this is such an important aspect of modern library and archive work.

Overall, I am so grateful for this experience and opportunity and I am excited to continue learning more about different collections and archival techniques. It is my dream to one day work in a library or archive and this position not only strengthens that goal, but it makes it feel more possible and attainable. Thank you both Carly and Sarah for making it possible to work in Special Collections and I cannot wait to see what else I can work on and be part of in the space.