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Special Collections Internship Reflection

My internship at the Special Collections during Spring 2024 was incredibly impactful. I am really grateful for this opportunity because it helped me figure out what career path I want to take after college. Although my internship was technically a job, it never felt like work to me because I had so much fun during it! Being able to spend time in the basement making an inventory of the boxes was really fun work because I enjoyed being able to see things become organized, and I also really appreciated being able to go through the boxes and see its contents. Going through the NEC Collection boxes and scanning Susie Van Kirk's reports were both interesting for me to be able to get hands-on exposure to Arcata and Humboldt County history. I love driving through Eureka with my friends and pointing out all the buildings that I have scanned photos of while processing the Susie Van Kirk collection.

I am also really grateful for the learning opportunities that this internship allowed me to have. I really appreciated our weekly meetings where I had the space to ask questions about what a library or archival career looked like and the steps for getting there. I remember applying for this internship really hoping to get it because I knew it would be the decision maker on whether or not I would go for library science as a career path, and it did not disappoint! I am really excited to keep working in the Special Collections over the summer. :)