Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library at San José State University (SJSU) needs your support to reach our match for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) challenge grant. Now in the third year of the grant, we are building our match of $300,000 in order to receive the NEH award of $100,000.

NEH outgoing Chairman, Bruce Cole, states:

“In order for our democracy to survive, American citizens need to know the ideas that have shaped and continue to influence our nation. By funding the nation’s highest-quality humanities projects, the Endowment offers the opportunity for our citizens to discuss the important role philosophy, art, literature, and history can play in our lives.”

The NEH Challenge Grant supports our efforts to strengthen and enrich our humanities digital collections, which are accessible to the SJSU community, as well as our public visitors.

The Library seeks to acquire digital resources in the humanities to:

- Provide public access to the highest quality humanities resources available encouraging lifelong learning for the citizens of Silicon Valley.
- Ensure that the library keeps pace with the transition to greater reliance on digital resources supporting the university’s undergraduate and graduate humanities academic programs and scholarly research.
- Strengthen the university’s ability to recruit and support top humanities scholars, expanding and enriching the education of our students.

How you can help:

For every gift we raise, the NEH will match it by one third. Every gift counts!

We invite you to be among the library donors supporting our humanities initiative by making a generous contribution to the NEH Challenge Grant Endowment. For more information, contact University Library Dean Ruth Kifer at 408-808-2419 or ruth.kifer@sjsu.edu.
National Endowment for the Humanities Matching Grant
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Sampling of Humanities Digital Resources to be Purchased with the NEH Endowment

Early English Books Online
Contains digital images of texts printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and British North America and texts in English printed elsewhere from 1473-1700.

Jazz Music Library
The most comprehensive collection of jazz available online with thousands of artists, ensembles, albums and genres. Jazz tracks are integrated with all of Alexander Street’s award winning online music listening and reference collections.

Black Drama: Second Edition
Contains the full text of 1,450 plays, written from the mid-1880s to the present, by more than 250 playwrights from North America, English-speaking Africa, the Caribbean, and other African Diaspora countries.

PRISMA (Publicaciones y Revistas Sociales y Humanisticas)
A comprehensive reference resource providing full-text scholarly journals in the social sciences and humanities for the interdisciplinary academic study of Hispanic and Latin America, and the Caribbean Basin.

Proquest Religion
Covers formal theological studies and commentary on topics of general interest from the perspectives of specific religions. Primary faiths represented in the database are Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and Buddhism.

Progress Report: Our First Database Purchased with the NEH Endowment

Orlando is a research database for students and scholars with an interest in literature, women’s writing, and cultural history. Included are documents on the lives and writing careers of about a thousand writers, together with a great deal of contextual historical material on relevant subjects, such as the law, economics, science, writing by men, education, medicine, and politics.

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