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There is Gold in the Mountains!

• Value in Special Collections and University Archives
  • Collect, preserve and disseminate information on a particular regions’ or cultural experiences.
  • Support academic studies.
  • Help include ____ into national and world narratives.
  • Fill gaps in scholarship concerning a variety of topics.
  • Recruit and train future archivists, librarians, educators, and curators.
Methods of Acquisitions

• Development = major advocacy and outreach efforts
  • Special Collections and Archives no longer a desk position.
  • We want your stuff!
• Donations
  • Faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.
  • State, governmental and local black businesses, organizations and clubs.
• Training others to be a mouthpiece.
Challenges in Acquisitions

- Funding or lack thereof...
- Donors (Materials)
- Access post Preservation
  - Conditions on digitizing
- Legal Issues
- Training others to be a mouthpiece
- Support
Situational Development

• Every challenge is an opportunity in disguise
• Situational Development
  • A variety of approaches for each category of donors
• Educating on the importance of preserving the history.
• Relationship Building
  • University & Community
Continued Advocacy

• Survival and development depends on advocacy and outreach.
• Assures preservation of important personal papers, manuscripts, artifacts, organizational records, and university archives.
• Records solidify accuracy and inclusion of all.
• Research opportunities for faculty, staff, and students (internal and external).
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