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The Television News Archive studio

Workshop will chart the future of television news preservation

The <u>Andrew W. Mellon Foundation</u> has awarded funding to Vanderbilt University for a workshop and planning effort to examine and address the technical, legal and economic challenges of preserving broadcast television news in the 21st century.

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L-R: University Librarian Valerie Hotchkiss with Library Fellows Emma Dahill, Mason Eiss, Kelly Perry and Tori Phillips, along with Osher Lifelong Learning attendee Jo Church.

Library fellows explore the once and future book

This fall, six library fellows worked with Osher Lifelong Learning students and librarians to curate an exhibition on the history of the book. Students participated in 10 weekly seminar classes taught by library staff where they came into contact with some of the oldest books in the libraries' collections.

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Elixirs, remedies and maladies: 400 years of medical history from the Eskind Biomedical Library A special exhibition from the Eskind Biomedical Library's historical collections is now on display in the Heard Libraries Special Collections. The exhibit, entitled "Elixirs, Remedies, and Maladies," features rare books, documents and artifacts from the last 400 years.

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New options for persons with print disabilities

The libraries are working on a number of projects that address accessibility issues for persons with print disabilities or whose disabilities do not allow them to use printed books.

Individuals on campus—students, faculty or staff—with a print disability can now request electronic copies of more than 14 million titles held in the HathiTrust digital preservation repository.

Housed at the University of Michigan, HathiTrust is a partnership of more than 100 libraries from around the world dedicated to preserving our cultural record.

As a partner organization, Vanderbilt University can now share the digitized collections of some of the nation's great research libraries with eligible persons who have print disabilities.

This access even includes copyrighted materials that would not normally be available to library users.
Instructions for users with print disabilities are on this link.

The libraries are also adding JAWS (Job Access with Speech) and NVDA (Nonvisual Desktop Access) software to workstations and laptops in the libraries. These screen-reader programs provide spoken content for web resources.



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