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Opus Archives and Research Center Awarded Prestigious Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Santa Barbara, CA - Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Opus Archives and Research Center, located on the campuses of Pacifica Graduate Institute, has been able to transfer the original 16 millimeter film for popular mythologist Joseph Campbell's *The Hero's Journey: The World of Joseph Campbell* from steel containers into superior fire and water proof archival quality canisters. This grant ensures that Campbell's words and work will continue to be accessible to the community, preserving and furthering research into the deeply embedded language of myth that influences a growing understanding of and empathy for the rich and diverse cultures and communities found throughout the world.



“We are very proud to have been awarded this grant which allows us to care for these delicate materials in the Joseph Campbell collection. This grant is the first that Opus has been awarded and we are honored by the opportunity.”

-Safron Rossi, Ph.D., Director Opus Archives

Program Statement:

American Heritage Preservation Program grants are used by small museums, libraries, and archives to help to preserve specific items, including works of art, artifacts and historical documents that are in need of conservation. Applicants will build on completed conservation assessments of their collections, to ensure that the grants are used in accordance with best practices in the field, and underscore the importance of assessment planning. Nearly 190 million objects in U.S. collections are in immediate danger of deterioration and need restoration or conservation, according to the Heritage Health Index report.

Vital Statistics:

Number of applications: 146

Number of awards: 54

Total amount requested: \$412,952

Total amount awarded: \$152,112

Total dollar amount of matching: None required; \$198,496 committed by potential awardees.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.ims.gov.