

Baldwin Library NEH grant luncheon

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The Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature NEH grant luncheon was in celebration of the completion of the third phase of the National Endowment for the Humanities two-year grants awarded to the George A. Smathers Libraries to catalog and digitize children's books held by the Baldwin Library published between 1850 and 1910. Phase I covered the years 1850-1869 and was awarded in 2000; Phase II covered the years 1870-1889 and was awarded in 2004; and Phase III covered the years 1889-1910 and was awarded in 2007. Through these three grants NEH awarded the Libraries a total of \$961,015. For their part, the Libraries contributed an equal amount in cost share, cataloged and enhanced 21,663 records, about half of which were original records contributed to the national databases, and digitized 7,545 books, most of which are up on the UFDC website. Also, 5,898 titles were microfilmed as part of Phase I. This was truly a collaborative effort as numerous library departments committed staff time and effort to the project: the cataloging and metadata department, the Digital Library Center, the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections, the preservation department, the business office, the human resources office, library administration, and the library grants office.



Rita Smith, curator of the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature, and Ben Sinclair of the Dept. of Special and Area Studies Collections.



Above: Jane Ann Carey, Nancy Poehlmann, Fern Carlson & Susan Constantineau from cataloging and metadata.

Below: Lourdes Santamaria-Wheeler, Randall Renner, Nelda Schwartz, Laurie Taylor and Jane Penn, Digital Library Center.



Above: Bess de Farber, grants manager and Ruth Shen, now retired.



Left: John Freund from the preservation department.

Right: Brian Keith, director human & financial resources, Stephanie Haas, MSL – formerly of the Digital Library Center and Betsy Simpson, cataloging and metadata.

