Relationship Building in Special Collections

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It's about people.



University of West Georgia students/Special Collections volunteers, Jazz Lee-Coley and Je'Nyah Hernandez, February 2016.

Role of Special Collections in Library Giving

Communicating purpose and passion

Special collections librarians can and should play a vital role in advancement, as leaders and partners

Communication pathways, information sharing, and respect between development and special collections professionals is vital

Philanthropic Domains

Current and Prospective Donor Research

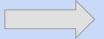
Securing the Gift

Relationship Building

Volunteer Involvement

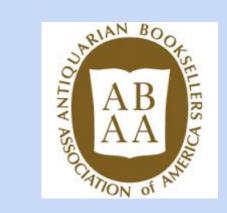
Leadership and Management

Ethics and Accountability



Interdependent special collections community

- Individual donors of in-kind materials
- Organization/corporate donors of in-kind materials
- Booksellers near and far
- Businesses near and far
- Collectors books, maps, archives
- General library supporters



Local bookshops

Booksellers





Brian Royster, comic book collector.

http://www.newsday.com/entertainment/li-s-vibrant-comic-book-subculture-1.2804136

Book Collectors

Gifts-in-Kind: Corporations & Local Business



Signing party for FOGO & VL7 Solutions at the University of West Georgia, December 2015.

Converting GIK to monetary donors

Invite to events with other donors

Show them how their material has been (or will be) processed and talk about the costs that will go with that

If cataloged, show them the electronic record that shows their name and/or electronic bookplate so they can show their family and friends

Mention in newsletters, etc. the costs associated with in-kind gifts

Have a faculty member write a short thank you note

Final thoughts...



Fisher Library. http://fisher.library.utoronto.ca/sites/fisher.library.utoronto.ca/files/F1748_0.jpg

Questions from the audience?

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