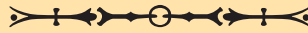




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The Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs



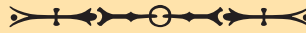
The Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs is the pre-eminent labor archive in North America. Its mission is to collect, preserve and provide access to the documentary heritage of the American labor movement, related reform movements and individual participants. The collection also includes urban affairs, with emphasis on the history of metropolitan Detroit. The Reuther Library is committed to increasing the availability of archival material for research by continuously developing and maintaining digital systems and programs to enhance access to its collections.

The Reuther Library is home to the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, America's largest collection of labor history. It is the repository for the historical archives of 10 major unions including the United Automobile Workers; the Service Employees International Union; the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; the National



Association of Letter Carriers; the Airline Pilots Association; the Association of Flight Attendants; the United Farm Workers; and the American Federation of Teachers.

The library houses more than 1,800 individual collections. Along with 75,000 linear feet of manuscripts, the archives contain more than 1,600 union periodicals dating from the 19th century, as well as an extensive collection of union contracts,



convention proceedings, pamphlets and labor education materials. Audiovisual collections comprise 10,000 sound recordings, 5,000 moving images and 2 million photographs, including 800,000 historic images from the *Detroit News* photographic collection and 15,000 images from *Detroit Free Press* photojournalist Tony Spina.

The archives' manuscript collections include more than 500 oral history interviews covering such topics as union history, civil rights, health care, radical politics and the history of Detroit, as well as African Americans and women in the labor movement.

The library also houses the archives of Wayne State University. The collection traces Wayne State's growth from the Detroit Medical College in 1868 to its emergence as a world-class research university today.



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The Reuther Library is establishing a permanent endowment through private gifts from Wayne State University alumni, unions, corporations and other friends. This endowment will help provide continuing annual operating support, giving the Reuther Library the resources needed to meet three objectives:

- Expand the library's archival collections.
- Improve access to the library's collections through enhanced reference services, exhibits and digital collection initiatives, improved information technology systems, and a continuously updated Web site.
- Increase the library's presence in the community through outreach programs and exhibits.

The Archival Collections

The Reuther Library is committed to collecting the documentary heritage of the American labor movement and of urban affairs, particularly the history of metropolitan Detroit. While preserving its collections for future generations of researchers, the Reuther also will develop plans for enhanced access to its archival collections. Private financial support is critical to upholding the Reuther Library's unique archival mission, and to maintaining it as a resource for scholars, students and those in the labor movement.

Access Through Technology

The Reuther Library is well known for the accessibility of its collections and resources to scholars, students and labor leaders from around the world. While its reputation



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draws researchers and scholars, the Reuther's convenient, one-stop research capabilities simplify their work.

In today's digital age, a major part of improving access to the library's collections means enhancing its technological systems. Increasing electronic access to the collections and databases will create additional interest among local, national and international scholars.

Outreach and Exhibit Programs

Part of the Reuther Library's mission is to educate local, state, national and international communities about the American labor movement. This outreach, which includes traveling exhibits, brings a focus on labor into the greater community. In turn, exhibits bring the community into the Reuther Library, creating awareness of the struggles, history and realities of the

labor movement, as well as the history of modern Detroit.

Additional financial resources devoted specifically to outreach will enable the Reuther Library to take more of its exhibits "on the road," displaying them in venues that attract large audiences. The library has had great success displaying its exhibits, and we believe their messages deserve to be seen and heard by as many people as possible.



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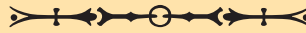


This endowment campaign will sustain the Reuther Library's legacy. It also will build on the library's already substantial reputation and position it as one of the world's leading archival research institutions.

Establishing a permanent endowment for the Reuther Library will ensure that future generations have access to its research and educational resources. Measured by its ability to attract scholars and provide information about the struggles of the past and present, the Reuther Library's contributions to the labor movement have been significant and enduring. Your support of the Reuther's collections, programs and professionals is essential to maintaining its high standards of excellence. Your gift is an investment in its future.

For more information, please contact

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A message from Mike Smith, Director, Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs

I am pleased to have this opportunity to speak on behalf of the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs. Founded with seed money from the United Auto Workers, the Reuther Library is the largest labor archive in the nation and is committed to preserving the vital historical records of unions and their workers. This commitment is based on the belief that the labor history we protect is an important resource to inform scholars, students and new union members about the past struggles and sacrifices of the labor movement, and the role it played in shaping modern America.

Scholars visit the Reuther from around the world to conduct research and see our many exhibits. Recent exhibitions by our archivists have included *I Am A Man*, which displayed archival documents and photos from the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike; *Hear Me Roar*, a history of women and social justice; and accounts of the lives of Doug Fraser, Albert Shanker and Leonard Woodcock. We also continuously are enhancing digital access to our collections, exhibits and photos through our Web site.

The establishment of a permanent endowment will ensure that these and other programs continue to provide an enriching experience for Reuther Library patrons. I encourage you to learn more about the Walter P. Reuther Library and its place in labor history, and to consider a gift to this important institution and its valuable work.

Please contact me at (313) 577-4024 or M.O.Smith@wayne.edu for a tour of our facility or just to learn more about our collections.

Mike Smith



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Dancing Figures was created by Oscar Stonoroff, an architect and sculptor who was a close friend of the late Walter P. Reuther. It was donated to Wayne State University by the family following Reuther's death in 1970.