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Peer-to-Peer Site Visit

On July 11, 2019 four members of Juniata College's Beeghly Library staff visited the High Library and Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College. Our visit featured a tour and discussion of the Hess Special Collections and Archives, lunch at Lucky Ducks Bar and Grille, and a tour and discussion of the Young Center.

The High Library Archives were renovated in 2014 and the Young Center was renovated and expanded in 2018. Beeghly Library is in the early planning stages of a renovation project, it seemed an opportune moment to meet and discuss Elizabethtown's experiences and reflections. Among the many topics discussed were the need for a special collection specific HVAC system, planning for waterless fire suppression systems, the type and arrangement of shelving, and leaving some space for flexibility. Beeghly staff learned about Elizabethtown's usage of different web based options for special collections, including: Islandora, Flickr and the Internet Archive.

Elizabethtown's Archivist Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh provide an overview of how the Hess Special Collections operate during the school year. Their collections are typically used in History, Religion, Museum Studies, German Language courses as well as with visiting scholars or by the award recipient of the Young Center Fellows program. The Hess Archives employs student workers for twenty hours a week allowing some students working experience in archives primarily through processing or digitization projects.