

# Millersville University

## FRANCINE G. MCNAIRY LIBRARY AND LEARNING FORUM

### Peer-to-Peer Site Visit Report

Millersville University at Penn State University – Harrisburg

On Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, two employees and two students from Millersville University's Archives & Special Collections visited their colleagues at the Archives and Special Collections at Penn State Harrisburg, Madlyn L. Hanes Library, part of the Penn State University Libraries for a day of discussions and tours.

The visit started with a discussion of the collections, programs, and activities of the Archives and Special Collections at PSU Harrisburg, followed by an exploration of some of the repository's most notable special collections and archival materials. There was then time for a tour of the reading room, processing, and collection storage spaces, which started many interesting conversations that extended over the lunch hour. Among the many topics of conversation were exhibition activities, instructional opportunities, special collections environmental controls, continuing professional development opportunities, and the similarities and differences between the two institutions.

The visit was especially benefit both for cultivating new professional connections between peers at two ACLCP organizations, and for providing Millersville's student attendees with some new perspectives and ideas about the potentials for library science as a career path.

In attendance from Millersville University was:

- Frank Vitale, University Archivist & Special Collections Librarian
- Ashley Sherman, Archives & Special Collections Technician
- Alex Poland, Student
- Sarah Gehret, Student

In attendance from PSU – Harrisburg was:

- Heidi Abbey Moyer, Archivist and Humanities Reference Librarian, and Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections
- Elizabeth McIlhenney, Archives & Special Collections Assistant

In the photograph, from Left to Right:

- Elizabeth McIlhenney
- Ashley Sherman

- Frank Vitale
- Sarah Gehret
- Alex Poland

Not pictured: Heidi Abbey Moyer