Celebrate American Archives Month in Our Basement

Why not? The basement – where the University Archives and West Florida History Center “lives” – is always hopping. It’s like the underground club where the bass is always thumping.*

If that is not enough to entice you, here are a few more reasons:

1. I can think of no better place to prepare for Halloween than taking a tour of the library’s very own dungeon. One time I went down there, and I swear our archivist, Dean DeBolt, had a haunted broomstick between the aisles. I think it actually cackled at me. So, I am definitely going for a visit myself this October, as my daughter wants to be a banana** for Halloween, and it’s not quite striking the right creepy tone for me.

2. You can find out unique things about the history of Pensacola and UWF like what Palafox looked like pre-Gallery Night days; that the UWF dorms had solar panels in 1983; and that our very own Skylab used to be a conference room where people smoked and made Big Decisions™.

3. The “vault” where we house the most precious of archives is humidity and temperature controlled. This means that even if Pensacola doesn’t think it’s fall yet, you can go down there and feel crisp fall air while you look at cool stuff like a signed Helen Keller book and the smallest book we own.

If you don’t have time to visit in-person, some of our collections can be discovered online. Visit: https://libguides.uwf.edu/universityarchives (or find the link on our homepage). So, celebrate Archives Month by learning about local history and high-fiving the people who work to preserve it and make it available to the public. Thanks, Dean and Tim!

*where “the bass is always thumping” = “Pensacola history comes to life.”

**I guess she finds it appealing.

Library Book Sale!: Monday, October 8th

Each year during homecoming week, the John C. Pace Library holds our book sale. It has to be one of my favorite library events of the year. We’ll have great deals on gently used books. You’ll find $1 paperbacks and $2 hardbacks. Like snacks? We’ll have popcorn. Like games? We’ll have trivia fun and prizes. Feel like the luckiest book nerd on the planet? Then, here is a limerick for you.

Do you like books? We like books too.
Join us 10/8 from eight to two.
Our annual sale,
has books without fail
Books for a friend or just for you!*  

*If limerick has you thinking of a holiday that is not Halloween, I will fix it for you. Limerick→Leprechaun→Creepy Leprechaun→Lucky Charms contain pesticides→Scary or magically delicious? There.

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Cookie Night – October 9th @ 7pm while supplies last