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Library Foundation Announces Annual Distribution

Spokane, WA - Katie Chase, a student at Whitworth College has received the first **Nancy Compau Internship** in the Northwest Room. The internship, available to Whitworth and Eastern Washington University students, provides the opportunity for recipients to work in the Northwest Room, earn credits towards their degrees and receive a stipend for their time. The criteria are set by advisors in the History department of the universities, who select the students for participation. The intern then works 10-12 hours per week for a semester under the supervisor of the Northwest Librarian, Rayette Sterling.

As part of her work, Katie has researched and assembled an exhibit: The Bible: A Testament to Changing Technology. She is also processing manuscript collections, and encapsulating historical maps. The Foundation is delighted to provide this amazing opportunity supporting area students by making the extensive holdings of the Northwest Room available to them. Special thanks to the donors to the Compau Fund of the Foundation for their generosity.

The Board of the Foundation has also voted to approve a distribution from the endowment to expand the periodical collection, decimated during the recent budget cuts. Throughout the upcoming year, all branches will begin to notice that their magazines are back! The purchase of the subscriptions is a stretch for the Foundation at this point in its development. Sandra Kernerman, Development Officer for the Library, announcing the gift said: "We feel it is very important to begin our assistance to the system as soon as possible. We look forward to the day when distributions from the Foundation will make even bigger improvements for our constituents."

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The Spokane Public Library Foundation seeks to develop private support to enhance, not replace public spending on the Library system. Distributions from the endowment are designated to the purchase of books, subscription, equipment and educational programming.

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