The goal of the Annual Friends of the Library Research Grant is to promote scholarly research using the outstanding resources of the Special Collections Department at the J. Willard Marriott Library. A $3,500 grant will be awarded by the Friends of the Library to a qualified applicant desiring to use the resources of the Marriott Library's Special Collections Department to research topics suitable and relevant to the collections. The Special Collections Department consists of several divisions housing a wide variety of unique and valuable research materials:

The Manuscript/Multimedia Divisions hold approximately 2,300 manuscript and 1,900 photograph and audio/visual collections emphasizing Utah and Utahns;

The Western Americana Division features books, maps, periodicals, and newspapers on Utah and the Intermountain region;

The Rare Books/Book Arts Division has assembled over 70,000 rare books and maps, and one of the finest Book Arts collections in the country;

The Aziz S. Atiya Middle East Library, one of the largest in the United States, covers material ranging from rare papyrus, manuscript, and paper documents dating from as early as the 9th century to modern Middle East publications.

Additional information about these collections can be found on the library’s home page at www.lib.utah.edu

Applicants should submit an application form, a brief research proposal not exceeding two pages, a resumé, a budget, and two letters of recommendation by May 9, 2014 to:

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