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## Preserving Rural Histories

*UNO Libraries is one of the 2017 recipients of the LYRASIS Catalyst Fund. The \$5,550 grant will support our latest project "Mobile Digitization for Rural Community Archives," the pilot includes a mobile digitization lab and maker space concept.*

A new program hosted by LYRASIS, the Catalyst Fund is intended to provide funding for member institutions to help "incubate new ideas and test creative approaches to advance [institution] objectives."

**Jason Heppler** (right), Digital Engagement Librarian in Archives and Special Collections, outlines the project's purpose and why it is integral for local communities, open access, and data collection. [Learn more...](#)



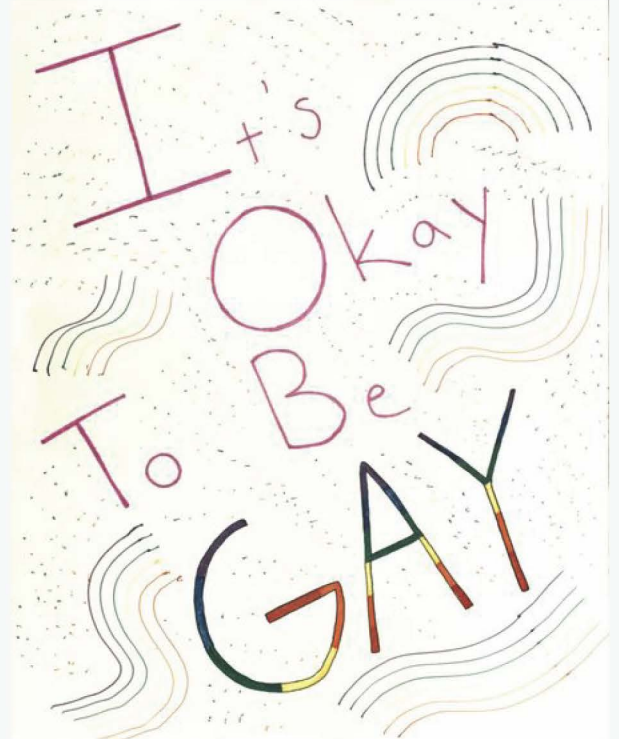
### Celebrating with Pride

*A Look at the first year of the Queer Omaha Archives*

As Nebraska's only LGBTQ+ Archive, the Queer Omaha Archives' first year has been memorable, including a collaboration with the [Bemis Center](#) and a chance meeting with [Mark Zuckerberg](#).

Since the archive debuted in July 2016, over 70 community members have visited with more than a dozen contributing over 70 cubic feet of personal papers and organizational records, and an additional 3 GB of electronic records. It is an honor to be trusted with leading the effort in preserving the rich and vibrant history of LGBTQ+ community members in the greater Omaha area.

[Learn more about the archives' first year...](#)



UNO LGBTQ+ Student Organization Poster

### In the Fields of the North En los Campos del Norte

*The Story of Farm Worker Migration - A Reality Check on the Food We Eat and the People who Harvest It*

Coming to the Osborne Family Gallery this September is the work of photojournalist David Bacon, as part of an exhibit documenting migrant labor in California. UNO's Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS) is sponsoring the exhibit.



Migrant worker in Coachella Valley prepares grapes. Photo courtesy of David Bacon.

"This exhibit will immeasurably add to our collective knowledge and sensitivity to the plight of migrant farm workers in the United States. The visual representations of these realities are an important contribution to both our learning and the impact of labor practices in agriculture," said Jonathan Benjamin-Alverado, OLLAS Interim Director.

The images depict Bacon's journey with farmworkers during harvest as they travel from Mexico up through the Pacific Coast, specifically emphasizing their contributions to Californian agriculture.

[Learn more...](#)

### Distinguished Service Awards



Each spring the UNO Library Friends honor faculty, staff, and student workers for their exemplary service with a luncheon and awards ceremony. Click photo to enlarge.

#### Staff Awards

Angie Balsarini, Patron Services Assistant

Jeff Kuskie, Electronic Resource Manager

#### Student Library Employee Award

Carolyn Peterson, Patron Services - Circulation

#### CLASS Scholarship

Lyle Kwiatkowski, Patron Services - Creative Production Lab

### Back to School... without the Sun

Monday, August 21, 2017 isn't just the first day of fall semester classes, a total solar eclipse will also be taking place. STEM Librarian Heidi Blackburn has assembled your [go-to guide](#) for learning about the eclipse, prime viewing times, and safety (don't forget those solar glasses)! You can also check out our display of NASA-curated eclipse materials in the Osborne Family Gallery from August 1-25.

[Solar Eclipse LibGuide](#)

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