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Announcement of Davis Grant to HELIN

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The HELIN Consortium, consisting of academic and hospital libraries, primarily in Rhode Island, has received \$236,000 to fund a two-year project to create a shared digital repository using ProQuest's Digital Commons platform. The grant was received from the Davis Educational Foundation established by Stanton and Elisabeth Davis after his retirement as chairman of Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc. Member libraries will preserve and make accessible current and historical materials documenting the social, business, political, educational, cultural and civic life of Rhode Island, as well as New England generally. The repository will include faculty publications, student theses and capstone papers, university publications, and special collections; as well as, digitized rare books, manuscripts, book plates, photographs, slides, maps, artifacts, oral histories, and audio and video clips. HELIN, an educational collaborative for twenty-one years, successfully models inter-institutional cooperation and resource sharing to reduce costs associated with library collection development and automation. At the end of the grant period, the HELIN members will continue to develop this vital new resource.