A NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP: THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENT CHAPTER AND THE FRANCES WILLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

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Frances Willard Memorial Library and Archives, Evanston, IL

❖ Founded as a research center for members of the Women’s Christian Temperance Union (WCTU)
❖ Originally consisted of books on the temperance cause, with some archival materials
❖ Now has records of the National and Worlds WCTU, pamphlets, fliers, songbooks, and other publications from chapters, countless photographs, and other archival holdings
❖ The Frances Willard Historical Association (FWHA), a volunteer organization, assumed control in January 2007

The Partnership Begins

❖ Student member Sherri Berger volunteered at FWMLA in the summer of 2007
❖ SAA Student Chapter organized a field trip with Dominican University archives students in October 2008 for National Archives Month
❖ Began to plan series of volunteer work days to help organize and inventory the collection

What We Have Accomplished So Far

October 2008: Initial trip with students from Dominican University
January 2009: Organized Union Signals
April 2009: Organization of photographs and Young Crusaders

Plans for Future Sustainability

❖ Keep the partnership going, addressing distance and turnover of GSLIS program
❖ Involve students from online cohort
❖ Involve other students from Chicagoland-area archives programs

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