

The Kerlan Newsletter



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The Kerlan Endowed Chair Campaign

JOIN US IN COMMITTING TO THE KERLAN COLLECTION OF THE FUTURE



Lisa German

“The Kerlan is a treasure and an important resource for the University of Minnesota, the state of Minnesota, and scholars and children’s book lovers around the world. We are committed to raising the funds

needed to create an endowed chair to ensure that The Kerlan will continue to be led by a curator who is a visionary teacher, scholar, and innovator in the field of children’s literature.”

- Lisa German, University Librarian and Dean of Libraries

The Kerlan Collection is an internationally recognized children’s literature library and archive that from its beginnings has benefited from outstanding curators.

To continue The Kerlan Collections’ recognition as a leader in the field of children’s literature history and scholarship worldwide, an endowed chair will ensure that the next curator will be a visionary teacher, scholar, and innovator in the field. This \$2 million dollar campaign to endow a named chair for The Kerlan will guarantee that an open position will draw top caliber talent to direct the children’s literature program at the Archives and Special Collections.

To keep The Kerlan at the forefront of children’s literature archives worldwide, a visionary curator with access to expanded resources must step into this leadership role prepared to take the collection to the next level. The

holder of this endowed chair will lead in the development of best practices that are critical to the Kerlan’s continued service, prominence, and importance:

- Creative collecting and preserving of materials
- Accessibility for the rest of the 21st century
- Growing its reach and global reputation

We are asking our Friends to make this vision a reality by spreading the word and contributing what they can to The Kerlan Endowed Chair Fund.

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Former and current Kerlan curators Karin Nelson Hoyle and Lisa Von Drasek in the Goodnight Moon room during at the opening reception for “The ABC of It” exhibition.

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