Showcasing Collections in the Engineering Library through Curating Exhibits

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About the Library

- College of Engineering
  - 2165 undergraduates
  - 400 graduates
  - 100 faculty
- Departments
  - Biomedical Engineering
  - Chemical & Biochemical Engineering
- Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Research Lab Sites
Exhibit Planning Team

- Kari Kozak, Head of the Engineering Library
- Carol Johnk, Marketing & Social Media Manager
- Marina Zhang
Curated Exhibits
Exhibit Planning

• Brainstorm an exhibit topic
• Look for fun facts, books, DVDs, items, artifacts, models etc.
• Design a title page and cards
Exhibit Planning

• Establish a borrowing procedure for items, artifacts or models from other departments/units

From Museum of Natural History
Exhibit Planning

From College of Engineering

From Special Collections
Exhibit Planning

• Make objects and use scanned images as needed
Exhibit Installation and Promotion

- Change out the exhibit case
- Create a plasma slide showcasing the new exhibit in the College of Engineering
- Write a blog about the exhibit
- Promote the exhibit on Engineering Library Facebook and Twitter
References

• College of Engineering Facts  
  http://www.engineering.uiowa.edu/about/facts

• Floor Plan of the Library  
  http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/eng/about/

• Engineering Library Blog  
  http://blog.lib.uiowa.edu/eng

• Exhibit Planning (Word Document) by Library Staff