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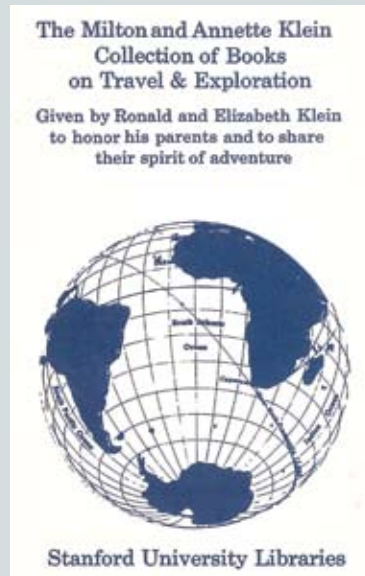
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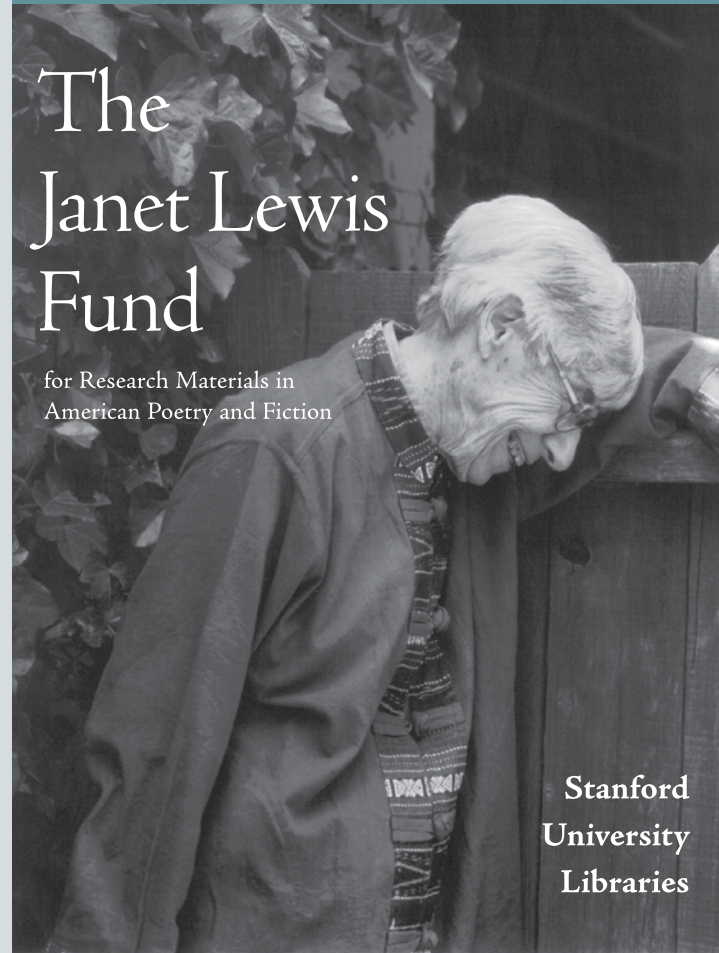
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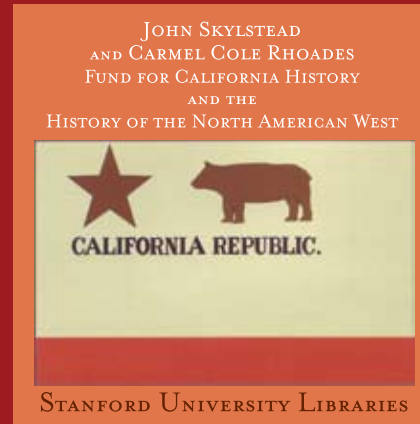
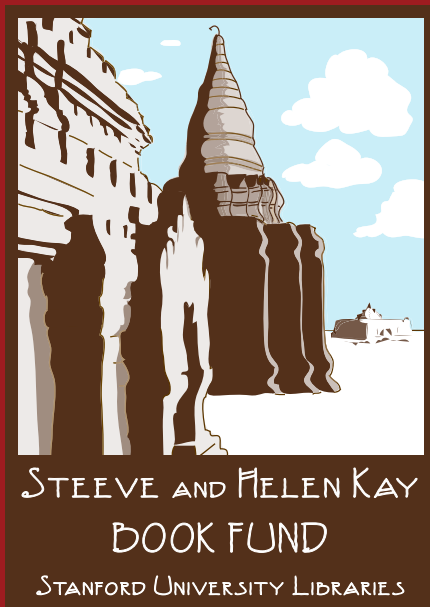
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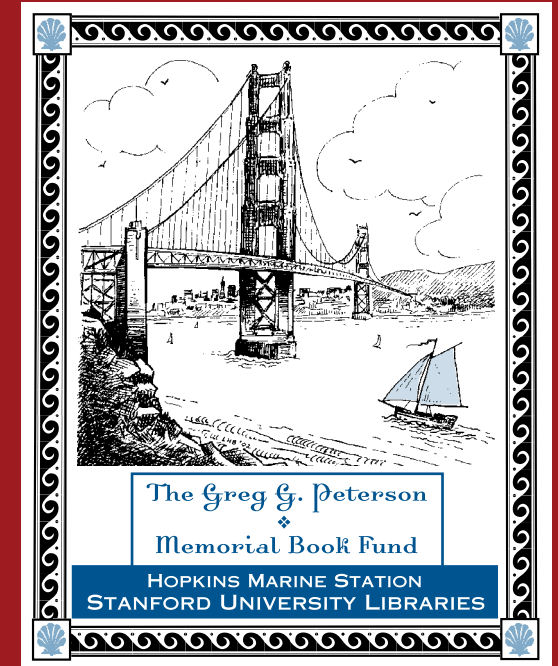
The Jewel Society is named in honor of Jane Lathrop Stanford, who in her final address to the Board of Trustees in 1905 instructed them to sell her jewels to establish a library book fund. For decades, Mrs. Stanford's fund, still active and bearing the distinctive bookplate* of the Jewel Fund, was the principal source of income for library acquisitions. As the University's first endowed book fund, the Jewel Fund shines as an exemplar of generosity to all those who have endowed the Libraries afterwards.



Among the many kinds of support for the Libraries, endowments for collection building remain donor favorites. Serving students and scholars, our subject experts purchase books, journals, databases, image collections, or other research materials appropriate to the donor's subject interest. The Library Development Office maintains a list of current priorities, many in emerging disciplines, and can suggest areas of particular impact.

The minimum threshold to create an endowed book fund is twenty-five thousand dollars, making it the most accessible of all named endowments at Stanford. Funding may be pledged over a period of years; once established, gifts may be added at any time and at any level, whether by the original donor, family members, friends, or bequests.

The Jewel Society has no membership fees or obligations; it is purely honorary. In addition to personal curatorial reports, members receive publications, select privileges, and invitations to special exhibits and programs. A rotating exhibit of book funds is displayed at the south portal to Cecil H. Green Library. Most importantly, Jewel Society members have the satisfaction of assuring deep collections in tune with personal interests for the entire Stanford community, now and for generations to come.



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