

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



Frances Willard

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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



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## 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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