

Dime Novel Archives Intern

Department: *The Papers of William F. Cody* & Harold McCracken Research Library/Buffalo Bill Historical Center

Intern Title: Dime Novels Archival Intern

Overview: This internship introduces the student to the challenge of inventorying, digitizing, and maintaining historical dime novels in a museum setting. The project consists of assessing the large collection of dime novels related to William F. Cody housed in McCracken Research Library vaults (including a significant foreign language collection); creating a complete inventory; digitizing (scanning) specific novels; and providing descriptive data. This internship will involve re-housing all dime novels currently part of the MS 6 William F. Cody Collection.

Level of responsibility: Reports to Processing Archivist, Digital Technician, and *Papers'* Assistant Editor.

Specific duties and responsibilities:

Inventory William F. Cody-related Dime Novels.

Re-house dime novels.

Scan best examples of each dime novel.

Describe each novel to meet with current standards.

Qualifications: The qualified intern should show an ability to work independently and to attend to the details of the project. Good organizational skills and some technical ability are also important to the position. Prefer a student with an interest in history, literature, library science, or museum studies.

Institutional Goals and Benefits: At the completion of this internship MRL and *Papers'* staff will choose a diverse sample of dime novels to be transcribed and published on CodyArchive.org with image purchase options available via links to BBHC rights and reproductions. Beyond the obvious external benefits of this project, improved access to these highly visual and literal materials will be of significant benefit to all BBHC departments, including BBM, Graphics, Advancement, and Registration. Additional to online publication, the University of Nebraska Press has expressed strong interest in publishing a print anthology of dime novels as part of the *Papers'* series publications.