A pilot collection of 28 open access electronic book titles from Knowledge Unlatched (KU), a not-for-profit organization, has the potential to transform funding of and access to scholarly books. Thirteen respected university presses such as Duke, Rutgers, Temple, Edinburgh, and Cambridge contributed the 28 titles on the promise that 200 or more libraries would support the pilot program, thus defraying their production costs. The pilot collection was offered to the publishers by KU under a cost recovery open access (OA) model. The average title fee is \$12,000 and will be returned to the participating publishers by KU. The total KU cost of the 28 titles is \$336,000 and will be divided by the number of participating libraries and other organizations. For these publishers, it is an opportunity to learn what could happen if their titles are accessible on an OA license

To demonstrate that libraries around the world are willing to support the

library, USA will have a say in shaping the future of KU eBook collections. Some titles included are: China's iGeneration,; Networks and Institutions in Europe's Emerging Markets by Schoenman,; The Myth of Piers Plowman by Warner; The Ethics of Armed Conflict by Lango; Understanding the Global Energy Crisis by Coyle and Simmons; Partisan Gerrymandering by Engstrom; and Constructing Muslims in France by Fredette.

Of the 28 KU titles, 22 have been published; these items have been cataloged and made available through SOUTHcat. Should we con-

OA access e-collections as they become available? Let me hear from you.

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The Evan H. Foreman Jr. collection of color slides (159 items) showing primarily costume parties attended by members of the State Street Strutters, a social group made up of local young professionals that existed between 1961 and 1963.

An additional 3.5 linear feet to the Julius E. Marx Collection, including two bound township and range map sets, a 1949 plat book, a 1964 land ownership map, a 1940 map of the St. Louis Tract, and large format copies of the 1926 Ehrenbourg map.

The Vine and Olive Colony Papers (3 linear feet) consisting of primarily genealogical material related to several prominent Mobile families and former members of the Vine and Olive Colony of Demopolis. The collection includes the Herpin, Hurtel, Sandoz, Gaillard, and Bosarge families, as well as a number of 19th-century periodicals.

One linear foot of photographs and negatives (circa 200 items) taken by various photographers hired by the Ernest Construction Company to document assorted pile driving jobs around the city. The images are dated from the 1920s to the 1970s.

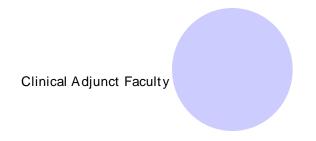
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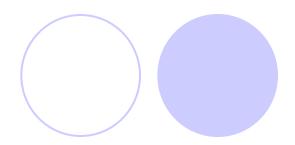
reports, proceedings, reunion materials, and a constitution. Most of the material concerns the Alabama division of the organization, although there are a few items related to Texas. The documents are dated 1900-1908 and 1948.

Mobile General Hospital (USA Medical Center) Papers (mostly from 1971 through 1973) made up of correspondence, minutes, newsclippings, photographs, reports, slides, blueprints, contracts and plans dealing with the attempt to renovate the hospital.

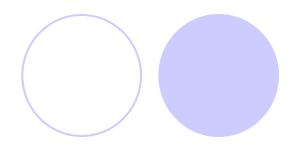
Two linear feet of material related to USA, including information on Marx Library committees and various university committees (1967-1982); reports and legal documents pertaining to desegregation monitoring (1981-1982, 1986); university budgets (1963-1976); faculty research interests (1970-1978); and various publications.

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