

THE DIGITAL CAPABILITIES OF THE RICHTER LIBRARY
GIVE UM FACULTY AND STUDENTS INFORMATION AT THEIR FINGERTIPS.

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(top) Century-old books like this one are available online to students and faculty at the Richter Library archives. (bottom) Students turn to the library when they need a quiet place to study.

New library technologies are also available to students enrolled in modern language and literature classes for their creation of oral histories and multimedia biographies of historical figures. Students use library archives for research and then publish their works on the Internet for others to use.

Daniel Sheridan, a psychology and Spanish major, is working on a project about Max Ferra, a 1960s and '70s theatre director who ran the oldest off-Broadway theatre in the United States and organized a Latino theatre group that produced plays in English.

"If you Google 'Max Ferra,' there's not much about him, but there's a lot of information at the Richter Library. My job is to gather as much of it as I can so that others can learn who he was, appreciate his contributions to Latino theatre, and value his legacy," said Sheridan. "Once I put this online, it will be available to them."

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