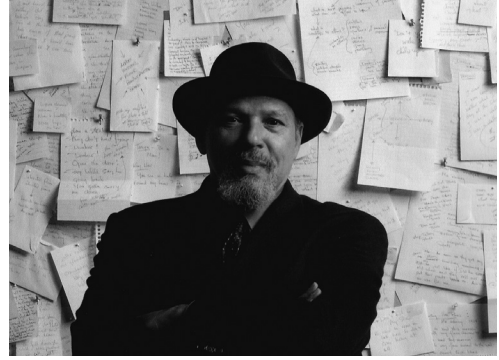**The University of Pittsburgh Library System**
(ULS) has received a $1 million grant from the Henry
L. Hillman Foundation to support the final preparation
of the August Wilson Archive for its opening to the pub-
lic followed by two years of support for in-depth public
engagement with the archive. This is the biggest grant
in the history of ULS and builds upon the many other
charitable donations and grants supporting this project.
ULS acquired the archive of Pittsburgh native August
Wilson in 2020. Wilson is one of the greatest American
playwrights and is most widely known for his American

August Wilson, photographed by David Cooper.
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sity of Pittsburgh Library System.

Century Cycle. All 10 plays in the cycle were produced on Broadway—two of them earning
Wilson the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Funding from the Henry L. Hillman Foundation will
support the final stages of processing the archive and focus on partnering with local and na-
tional groups and organizations to see the Wilson archive come to life and be integrated into
the lives of the local communities. The ULS will, among other things, reach out to students
and instructors in Pittsburgh Public Schools, create public programming and exhibits, and
offer research opportunities for local organizations and individuals interested in Wilson's
work. The archive is being processed and will open to the public in January 2023.

An international team led by University of North Texas (UNT) scholars has been
awarded a $1.2 million grant from the Mellon Foundation to develop core scholarly infra-
structure for the community-governed sharing of quality, interoperable, open access book
usage data. The OA Book Usage Data Trust project aims to make book usage data more
accessible for libraries, presses, publishers, and others interested in scholarly impact. To
achieve this, the team, led by Christina Drummond, an expert in data stewardship who has
joined UNT Libraries as executive director of the OA Book Usage Data Trust, is developing
data governance and administration mechanisms for the ethical exchange of digital book
usage data between public and private book publishing stakeholders. The additional fund-
ing from the Mellon Foundation will support multi-stakeholder development and docu-
mentation of community norms pertaining to book usage data sharing and governance.

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO), the Partnership for
Academic Library Collaboration and Innovation (PALCI), and the Lehigh University Li-
braries, along with 27 other partner organizations, have been awarded a National Leader-
ship Grant for Libraries by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for a
Collaborative Collections Lifecycle Project (CCLP). The project will create a suite of best
practices, improve standards, and prototype middleware infrastructure for the development
and management of cooperative collections development. It aims to enable the efficient
acquisition of collections and the sharing of those collections, along with related services,
by developing a framework that libraries and consortia can use to share expertise, data, and
collections to efficiently steward limited resources in serving library patrons. ✄