

5B—Beyond the Book

Fashioning Opportunity: SMOC, DReSS, and the Library

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When ideas to establish an on-site historical garment collection at Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library stalled, persistence and a chance email opened the door to a collaborative opportunity involving a local costume society. This paper documents the collaborative project between the library, the School of Design Fashion Department, and the Society for the Museum of Original Costume and hopes to inspire librarians to seek community partnerships involving non-traditional research resources—in this case, a large, underexposed collection of historical garments.