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This one was done with tongue in cheek. Our department is on the fifth floor and it is amazing how many students never make it this far. My display case is a wall display on the second floor of our library. It is almost 8 feet long and about 3 feet tall, 10 inches deep. I don't generally use any shelves, but have on occasion. The intention was to let students know what is available in the Documents Department. I'm afraid the word "documents" gives visions of uninteresting legal-type papers. I used some scrap material purchased at a garage sale, newspaper, clothes-hangers, craft hair, styrofoam egg, a boa and a photo copy of Mae West's face and put together an eye-catching figure from the past. If nothing else, it brought them close enough to the display to see the types of information our department has available and perhaps gave them a different conception of what to expect. I just browsed the stacks and picked as many subject matters as I had room for and tried to pick the ones that had interesting or colorful covers. As you know, about the only books we receive with wonderful jackets are from the Smithsonian.