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To support students who increasingly incorporate multimedia into presentations and projects, the library used endowment funding to purchase five Flip Video cameras. The purchase included cameras, power cords, tripods, and camera bags.

Flip Video cameras allow students to take quick, HD-quality videos and easily upload them to computers for further editing and to social media sites such as YouTube and Facebook.

The cameras have been popular with students, who check them out at the Circulation Desk. They circulate for one day at a time, with a one-day renewal if there is no waiting list.

Endowment funding has made it possible for the library to display a culturally-valuable art collection in a secure setting. The estate of William Vafeas, emeritus professor of art, donated a collection of African sculptures. The tower display case purchased through endowment funds allows the sculptures to be placed prominently on the library’s first floor where they are viewed by students, staff, and community members who enter the library.

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