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## Hopkins Digital Research Projects Get \$3 Million

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The Sheridan Libraries at The Johns Hopkins University have been awarded two National Science Foundation grants totaling more than \$3 million. According to Nancy K. Roderer, interim dean of university libraries, both projects focus on digital research and are collaborative efforts focusing on "applied research driven by real world educational and scholarly problems." One project, entitled "Digital Hammurabi: High-Resolution 3D Imaging of Cuneiform Tablets," will use a \$1.55 million grant to create three-dimensional images of ancient cuneiform tablets, the oldest written documents in the world. That project will be a collaborative effort between the Sheridan Libraries and the university's Computer Science Department. The second project, which comes out of the libraries' Digital Knowledge Center, will use a \$1.5 million grant to enhance a data capture technique that will allow researchers to digitize a wide range of cultural materials, "from ancient Greek texts to medieval French manuscripts to music for the lute from the 17th century." At the heart of the project is a symbol recognition program that will be adapted to read musical notes and typeset and handwritten texts in a variety of both ancient and modern languages.

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