"Highlander has been an anchor for every major social justice movement in this country. From labor rights to civil rights, from environmental justice to immigrant justice, Highlander has been at the forefront of social justice work for 75 years."
- Congressman John Lewis, 2007

THE HIGHLANDER LIBRARY & ARCHIVE
is an irreplaceable resource in need of a 21st Century home in order to serve the thousands of community leaders Highlander works with each year.

THE NEW SEPTIMA CLARK LEARNING CENTER
enables us to expand how we integrate Library & Archive materials into the work of our Education Team, our website and the experience of Highlander participants and visitors.

SEPTIMA CLARK’S WORK WITH HIGHLANDER
as Education Director (1956-1961) sparked a new era in popular education with far-reaching effects on the movement for justice and civil rights. Septima Clark led the Citizenship School program that taught literacy to Black communities in the South, enabling them to pass oppressive voter registration tests as well as protect their rights and livelihoods in a multitude of ways. Through this program she trained a network of teachers who provided vital support for more than 700,000 Movement leaders across the South.

HIGHLANDER PROGRAM AREAS WHERE LIBRARY & ARCHIVE MATERIALS ARE USED
"What we are working for is an educational program that has become a resource and a rallying point for scores of brave southerners who are leading the fight for justice and better race relations in these crucial days."
- Septima Clark

Highlander Staff provides guidance and accompaniment in accessing and using Library & Archive materials

Students
Activists
Workshop Participants
Scholars
Community Leaders
Artists
Researchers
Historians
Visitors
Highlander Website

Highlands Transitions Fellowship
Seeds of Fire Youth Program
Economics & Governance Program
Greensboro Justice Fellowship
Staff provides resources and support to Highlander Education Team in incorporating Library & Archive materials into programs.
Children’s Justice Camp
We Shall Overcome Fund
The Septima Clark Learning Center: Where Generations Touch Movement History, Learn Participatory Research, Explore Popular Education Resources and Connect to Organizing Around the Globe

The Highlander Archive & Library materials were created in the processes of popular education and organizing in the Southeast and internationally over Highlander’s 85 year history.

These materials are “Movement footprints,” “mind-prints,” and “heart-prints.” They allow a close and personal look at the lessons learned, the difficulties faced, the strategies, analyses, debates, conversations, gatherings and alliances all in a setting at Highlander where Movement leaders come together to learn from one another and from their histories.
The Septima Clark Learning Center Design provides an exceptional variety of ways to use, share, and learn from Highlander's outstanding library & archive.

- Archive & Processing
  - Key Highlander photos, films, plays, videos, recordings, interviews, reports, curricula, program materials, workshop records, songbooks, and board notes.

- Staff-assisted guidance to Highlander off-site digital archive

- Individual offices for staff and researchers

- Bookstore

- Numerous meeting spaces in different sizes for flexible use

- Outdoor meeting spaces on covered porch or 2-story deck overlooking Smoky Mountains

- ADA accessible restrooms on both floors. Ground floor restrooms with additional outside entrances for ease of use during outdoor gatherings

- Display of Original Highlander Library

- Big open room on ground floor for film showings, art making, large gatherings, exhibits or recreation.

The Septima Clark Learning Center Building & Site Design

- Site Plan
  - Accessible parking
  - Raised beds
  - Pathways
  - Access road
  - Campfire ring
JOIN US IN CREATING HIGHLANDER’S FUTURE

Learning Center Campaign Goal
$675,000

Campaign Funds Raised
$250,000

Learning Center Campaign Funds
> Construction, furnishings, landscaping
> Computers, software, equipment
> ADA accessible paths and roads
> Administrative costs of campaign

> 2 years staffing of Learning Center
> Initial digitization of key materials
> Fundraising for further digitization

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