New Space in the Works to Preserve SoCal history

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Historical audio recordings are stacked everywhere at Cal State Fullerton’s Center for Oral and Public History, leaving little room for more. Employees, students and interns sit shoulder to shoulder at their computers with little space to do their jobs.

The current space just isn’t big enough, said Natalie M. Fousekis, director of the Center for Oral and Public History at the Pollak Library. "It limits our possibility to carry out our humanity-based mission to preserve history, educate students and bring these stories to the public."

The 5,600-square-foot center, which records historical interviews and displays them for the public, plans to move three floors up, which will more than double its space.

For that to become a reality, the center needs to raise $3.25 million before a 2016 deadline. At this point, $920,000 has been raised, with a recent $150,000 donation from Orange County homebuilder and philanthropist Maj. Gen. William Lyon and his family. The center’s research area will be named “The William Lyon Family Reading Room.” Continue reading [here](http://www.ocregister.com/articles/center-645436-stories-history.html).

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