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Instruments of Knowledge: Celebrating the First Moon Landing through U-M Collections

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INSTRUMENTS OF KNOWLEDGE: Celebrating the First Moon Landing through U-M Library Collections

OR: How 7 people used 1000 pushpins in 12 hours

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Timeline

2018
Initial Idea
North Campus Libraries Group

2019
Remember the Idea
Whoops! Five months late

Research & Prep
Paul & Jamie take lead

Layout & Design
Butcher paper & scissors

Installation
Push pins & spelling errors

FEBRUARY
MAY
JUNE
JULY 8
JULY 16
Process—layout
Process—taking over the conference room
Process—installation
Process—corrections & completion

We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard...

—John F. Kennedy
Rice University
September 12, 1962
Lessons Learned

“Quotes matter”  "  as do italics

Check your closed captions

Start planning earlier

Spellcheck with more than two eyeballs
MOON EXHIBIT: By the Numbers

940 Pushpins

105 Feet Butcher Paper

50 Years
Space
History

21 Windows

2 Bags
Swedish Fish

1 LEGO
Astronaut
To see the earth as it truly is, small and blue and beautiful in that eternal silence where it floats, is to see ourselves as riders on the earth together, brothers on that bright loveliness in the eternal cold—brothers who know now they are truly brothers.