

Identifying Materials in Special Collections

Always ask at the Reading Room desk to find out the next steps to take in your research. They may refer you to additional resources there including the curator of the specific collection you are using.

UO Library Catalog

Although many Special Collections materials are not included in the UO library catalog, this is still a good place to start for keyword, author, and LC Subject access to collections that have been cataloged.

Advanced catalog search	Allows limits to be placed at the start of your search
Keywords	The broadest search capabilities in the catalog
Location	Limit to Special Collections or Oregon Collection
Item record	Look at the full record for more specific location info Look for non-LC numbers to find non-books

The following are strategies and tools, *aside from the library catalog*, that you can use to find Special Collections materials.

Manuscripts

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/mss/index.html>

Access by Title of Collection

The **Alphabetical Index** is a list organized by name of collection, which often includes the dates covered. Collection numbers are also given.

Access by Subject or Keyword

Northwest Digital Archives <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/search/index.asp?>
Includes nearly 200 finding aids to UO manuscripts collections. Searchable by keyword, topic and repository.

Collections of Specific Interest present more detailed descriptions of select collections.

Guides Online provide brief descriptions of select collections organized by topic.

Catalogue of Manuscripts in the University of Oregon Library by Martin Schmitt aka *The Schmitt Guide* print guide to UO manuscripts acquired before 1971. Includes an index.

Inventories & Finding Aids

Inventories or finding aids with varying levels of detail have been created for some of our collections. Ask in the Special Collections Reading Room for more information on specific collections. See also Northwest Digital Archives <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/search/index.asp?>

Rare Books

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/books/rbc.html>

Rare Books Page includes a list of major rare book collections with brief descriptions.

UO Library Catalog and **Card catalogs in Special Collections** provide access to rare book collections.

Oregon Collection

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/books/orc.html>

The Oregon Collection is a collection of published materials reflecting the history, literature, and life in Oregon and the Oregon Territory.

UO Library Catalog and **card catalogs in Special Collections** provide access to books and journals in the Oregon Collection. The UO Library Catalog has an Oregon Collection location limit.

Rare Photos Collection

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/photo/index.html>

Special Collections contains approximately half a million photographic images in its collections. Please request photographs 48 hours in advance.

Selected Historic Collections provides a list with brief descriptions of some of our more prominent collections. Some link to further information.

Full List (At the bottom of the page) Is alphabetical by name. Includes collection names, numbers and references to related manuscript collections.

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University Archives

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/archives/index.html>

Archives Home Page links to online finding aids for the following as well as online photo collections on Bill Bowerman and Steve Prefontaine, among others.

- ❑ Alphabetical Subject Files
- ❑ Biographical Subject Files
- ❑ University Photograph Collection
- ❑ University Publications

Special Collections Reading Room Desk or Heather Briston can provide assistance with finding other Archives collections.