

2. When are the Collections open?

The 5th floor is typically open from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday during the regular semester. Be sure to check the hours box on OU Libraries web site for updates due to changing campus conditions.

3. How do I request and view materials from the Collections?

Walk-Ins to view materials from the Collections are welcome. However, we do encourage you to schedule an appointment in advance for timely retrieval of items.

Books from the Special Collections do not circulate. They are viewed in the **Reading Room** on the 5th floor. (Special collections typically contain rare, fragile and one-of-a-kind items. This is why these collections are non-circulating, even though there are some contemporary materials included in the collections.) For recently published works, you can request copies of pages or chapters (within OU Libraries copyright rules), also through SoonerXpress.

Items held in the 5th floor Special Collections are included in **Discover Local**, OU Libraries' online catalog. You can ask for materials upon your arrival, or request them in advance using the **SoonerXpress** link in the item's catalog record. After you have made request via SoonerXpress, you will receive an email with details about visiting the 5th floor to view materials. Advanced notice is recommended for rare items.


Reader Registration is required; this can be done in-person or online.

4. How do I search for materials held in the Special Collections?

Use **Discover Local** to search for materials in the special collections. See "How to Search the Collections" page for basic search tips.

Use the Searching and Research Guide for tips on searching for books, articles and journals.

History of Science Searching & Research Guide

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Use this guide for help with searching for [books](#), [articles](#), and [journals](#) in the history of science, primarily through the OU Libraries website.

The [Searching Tips](#) section includes pages on these topics:

- [Find Scientists Writings](#)
- [Limit Searches to History of Science Collections](#)

5. How do I learn more about the Collections and the types of materials held there?

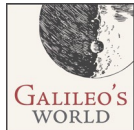
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS WEB SITES

For an overview of all Special Collections within OU Libraries see the [Special Collections main page](#). It includes links to the Western History Collections and the Chinese Literature Translation Archive.

See the [History of Science Collections main page](#) for information about the History of Science Collections, as well as general access information for all four Special Collections housed on the 5th floor of Bizzell Memorial Library.

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS & EXHIBITS

Many items from the four collections have been digitized and are available for viewing in [OU Libraries Digital Collections repository](#); some of these are from previous exhibits like Galileo's World.



Browse the [Galileo's World Exhibit site](#) for more information about the books and authors in this exhibit. Browse by [Exhibit Gallery](#) as well as [Subject](#). You can also do keyword searching on the main page. Many, but not all of these books are available digitally.

Browse exhibit books lists on the [Exhibits Guide](#) for information about books on a variety of topics (both rare and recent books). Examples: [Apollo 11/Space History](#) [Black History Month](#) [Civil War](#) [Crossing Cultures](#) [Shakespeare 450](#) [Sherlock](#)

See the [Exhibits Catalogs and Brochures](#) for more information, including lists and brochures available digitally. Examples: [Darwin](#) [Galileo](#) [Richard III](#) [Technology & Early Printed Book](#)

Browse the [Portrait Collection](#)

For more information see [Digitized Items at OU](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Many items held in the Special Collections have not been digitized. You can learn about some of these by searching the twitter account of History of Science Librarian [@PalmeriJoAnn](#). For tips on looking for images and other content, see the [Search Social Media](#) page.

RESEARCH GUIDES

Use the [History of Science Research Guides](#) to learn about resources available for study and research, in the Collections, as well as in other locations within OU Libraries.

- A [Quick Links](#) box on each guide has links to key Databases, Catalogs, Online Sites & Works
- Use the [Virtual Book Shelf](#) page to access Ebooks in History of Science (requires OU login)

Primary Sources

Use this guide for help searching for primary sources in the history of science, technology and medicine.

This guide includes examples of [modern editions and facsimiles](#) of primary sources, [guides](#) to primary sources (by author, topic or location), and [microform editions](#) of primary sources.

A section on the [History of Science Collections](#) provides an overview of original primary sources materials held there, as well as examples to illustrate holdings by time period, language, format and genre.

Secondary Sources by Topic

Use this guide to search for secondary sources by TOPIC. The guide is organized by *topic* within these categories: [Crossing Cultures](#), [Disciplines](#), [Institutions & Sites](#), [People](#), [Themes & Subjects](#).

Here are example pages: [Astronomy](#), [Eugenics](#), [Public Health](#), [Race & Ethnicity](#), [Women & Gender](#)

Secondary Sources by Type

Use this guide to search for secondary sources by TYPE. The guide is organized by *type* within these categories: [Methods & Historiography](#); [Reference & Research Aids](#); [Introductory Works](#); [Advanced Works & Classics](#), [Online Resources Beyond OU](#).

Here are example pages: [Biographical](#), [Disciplines & Topics](#), [Overviews & Research Companions](#), [Surveys & Textbooks](#)

5. Where can I go for additional help?

See [Getting Started with Research in History of Science, Technology and Medicine page](#) for research help and for links to examples of specific resources.

See the [OU Libraries Tutorials page](#) for additional help.

Send questions to lib-hos@ou.edu or contact Dr. JoAnn Palmeri palmerij@ou.edu for help with your research needs (also available for Zooming)