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Drew University Special Collections

The Special Collections and University Archives Department of the University Library is committed to supporting and advancing the educational mission of Drew University. Comprised of a number of distinctive collections, our mission is to acquire, preserve, provide access to, and promote the use of primary and special secondary resources in all formats. All of the material discussed below is free to use by the public, including all Drew students, faculty, and staff.

Overview

Special Collections
The holdings in Special Collections are comprised of a number of distinctive collections related to religious study, history, literature, art, art history, popular culture, and other fields. These collections are all accessible at the Methodist Archives building on campus. The collections total more than 100,000 volumes, including manuscripts dating to the 11th Century and printed texts from the 15th Century.

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University Archives
The University Archives preserves and provides access to the historical records of Drew University, including documents, photographs, faculty papers, and student theses. The material is accessible in the Methodist Archives building. The collections in University Archives help tell the story of Drew University, its founding, and its administrative history.

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Accessing the Material

All Special Collections and University Archives materials can be accessed in the Wilson Reading Room on the main floor of the United Methodist Archives & History Center. For safety and security of the items, the collections are housed in closed stacks that are not accessible to the public. Reading Room Staff members will be able to retrieve any and all requested items for visitors to the Wilson Reading Room. Please see our Reading Room Policies to learn more about this process and how to find specific material. Note that the Reading Room is open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

List of Special Collections

19th century Pamphlet Collection | Library Catalog
Bela Kornitzer Papers | Finding Aid
Bible Collection | Library Catalog
Bound Manuscript Collection | Finding Aid
Byron Society Collection | Library Catalog & Finding Aids
Comic Book Collection | Unprocessed
David Johnson Collection of Science Fiction | Finding Aid
Dodge Poetry Festival Archive | Unprocessed
Dornan Collection | Finding Aid
Holocaust / Genocide Study Collections | Finding Aids
George Fraser Black Collection on Witchcraft | Library Catalog
Georges Simenon Collection | Library Catalog
Governor Thomas H. Kean Papers | Finding Aid
H.L. Ickes Collection | Finding Aid
Harry A. Chesler Collection of Cartoon Art and Graphic Satire | Library Catalog
Historical Manuscripts Collection | Finding Aid
Hymnbook Collection | Library Catalog
Jacob Landau Collection | Library Catalog & Finding Aid & Art Inventory
John McClintock Collection | Library Catalog & List of Incunabula
Julia Baker Rare Book Collection | Library Catalog
Loyd Haberly Book Arts Collection | Library Catalog
Mark W. Brown Nestorian Cross Collection | Art Inventory
Maser and Prinster Prayer Book Collection | Library Catalog (Partially cataloged)
Maxine Kumin Collection | Library Catalog
Methodist Library Collection | Methodist Library & Additional Resources
Michael Ellis Collection | Library Catalog
Ms. Magazine Collection | Finding Aid
Peter Lee Sci-Fi Magazine Collection | Finding Aid
Playboy Magazine Collection | Finding Aid
R.S. Thomas Collection | Library Catalog
Richard Walker Collection | Library Catalog & Finding Aid
Robert Frost Collection | Library Catalog
Science and Mechanics Collection | Finding Aid
Theatre Arts Collection | Finding Aid
The Walther Köhler Collection | Library Catalog
The Willa Cather Collection | Library Catalog
Zuck Botanical Collection | Library Catalog