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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](#)