

Guide to Sources & Services for Offsite Researchers History of Science Collections at the University of Oklahoma Libraries



Physical Access During the Pandemic

Access to the [History of Science Collections](#) and other 5th floor Collections in Bizzell Library (Bass, Bible, Nichols) has been substantially limited during the pandemic. The floor is open only by appointment, with a focus on local readers. Our Mellon Fellowship Program has been suspended until further notice.

Additional Links: General info about access to the 5th Floor Collections can be found on the History of Science Collections [main page](#). For information about the scope of the other collections see: [Bass Business History Collection](#) [Bizzell Bible Collection](#) [John and Mary Nichols Collection](#) [Handout about Research in the Collections](#) (for undergraduates)

Remote Access During the Pandemic

Contact us to learn more about the collections in general, or to ask questions about specific items held in the collections. Send your questions [here](#). Contact Dr. JoAnn Palmeri directly (palmerij@ou.edu) with a question or ask for a zoom meeting.

Additional Links: [Policies and Info for Researchers](#) [OU Libraries main page](#)

Access to Digitized Materials

Hundreds of books and other items from the Special Collections have been digitized and are available in the [OU Libraries Digital Collections](#). Many of these items are included in the [Galileos World Exhibit Site](#), which contains additional information about rare books from the Renaissance and Early Modern era.

Additional Links: Additional info about digitized materials can be found [here](#) (including the [Portrait Collection](#) and the [legacy image galleries](#)). Our legacy images galleries include high resolution images (some may not be available while this site is being migrated).

Information about Primary Source Holdings

The most direct way to identify materials held in the Special Collections is to search [Discover Local](#), OU Libraries online catalog. For searching tips, including how to narrow searches to the individual Special Collections see [here](#).

The [History of Science Primary Sources Research Guide](#) provides an overview of aspects of our holdings, including pages on [Original Materials](#), [Named Collections](#), and [Topical Books List from Class Visits](#).

The [Exhibit Guide](#) provides information about [past exhibits](#), including access to [Exhibit Catalogs and Brochures](#) (many downloadable). Links from past exhibits include links to digitized books, if available.

Search [@PalmeriJoAnn](#) twitter account for images of books, many of which have not been digitized (see [here](#) for searching tips)

Additional Links: [How to Search the Collections](#) [History of Science Searching & Research Guide](#)

Information about Secondary Source Holdings

In addition to rare books and primary source materials, the Collections comprises substantial holdings of secondary sources and materials for research in the study of history science, technology and medicine.

Our History of Science Secondary Source Research Guides may be useful for browsing, although some content reflects resources available throughout OU Libraries; Ebooks and database resources included in these guides are fully accessible only to OU users.

The [History of Science Secondary Sources by Topic Guide](#) includes sections on: Crossing Cultures; Disciplines; Institutions; People, Periods, Places & Cultures; Themes & Subjects; Virtual Book Shelf

The [History of Science Secondary Sources by Type Guide](#) includes sections on: Methods & Historiography; Reference & Research Aids; Introductory Works; Advanced Studies & Select Works; Online Resources Beyond OU

Additional Links: [Award Winning Books Collections](#), [Digital Projects & Exhibits in HistSTM](#)
[Introductory Works - Publishers' Series](#)

Other OU Campus Collections & Resources

There are additional Special Collections and Archives on the OU campus. Search [Archival Collections Finding Aids](#) to learn about archival materials at Western History Collections and other sites.

Additional Links: [Chinese Literature Translation Archive](#), [Digital Collections & Exhibits at the Western History Collections](#), [History of Science Department](#), [Special Collections at OU Libraries](#)