



Special Collections and Special Access

UNSW Canberra to make accessible these unique and significant collections.

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The catalogue metadata and finding aids for Special Collections are accessible from multiple discovery gateways including but not limited to: the UNSW Canberra, Academy Library SearchGateway; Trove; Google; and the UNSW Canberra Special Collections webpage.

The Special Collections are housed in environmentally controlled closed stacks. Items from Special Collections are retrieved by staff and delivered to the John Howard Reading Room. This is a dedicated space used exclusively for viewing items from the Special Collections. Users must register (if not already a Library member) to use the Special Collections, and produce their Academy Library card each time a Special Collection item access is requested. Users must agree to the prior to viewing items.