The Special Collections area is a dedicated space to use original material and rare printed material from the Library's collections.

Using the area
Visit the Special Collections area to use original material and rare printed material from the Library’s collections, including:

- manuscripts
- pictures
- rare books
- maps.

The Australian Reference collection is located on the shelves surrounding the Special Collections area.

You can also request and use material from Dixson Collection [3] in this area.

Staff in the Special Collections area can help you with your research and using the collections [4].

**Special Collections card**
You will need a Special Collections card to use material from these collections. If you already have a Library card, visit the Special Collections area and we will update your card to a Special Collections card.

Don't have a Library card? Sign up online [5] and then visit the Special Collections area to collect your card.

Learn more about getting a Special Collections card [6] including what identification you need to bring.

Things to know when you visit

- Follow the Special Collections - Conditions of use [7]
- Bags are not allowed however you can hire a locker [8] to store your bag.
- Food and drinks including bottled water are not allowed.
- Only pencils can be used. No pens.
- Closed on Sundays.

You will need to complete a form to bring your own books and magazines into the Special Collections area. The form is available at the entrance.

Location

Find the Special Collections area at the southern end of the Mitchell Library Reading Room [9].

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