

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Central Library, Third Floor

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Rare Books and Manuscripts houses SLPL's Rare Books Collection, Photograph Collection, Manuscript Collection, St. Louis Media Archives, St. Louis Blues Archive, and the Institutional Records of the St. Louis Public Library. The Department also oversees SLPL's digital archives and handles all Image Use requests.

Items of interest include:

Miniature Books

Grolier Collection featuring examples of the history of the written word

Local Author Collection (indicated as RB-K in the catalog)

Early Accession Registers of SLPL

Scrapbook Collection (scrapbooks on a variety of topics compiled by reference librarians)

J.C. Strauss Portrait Collection

Louisiana Purchase Exposition Construction Photos

Editorial Cartoons (original artwork)

Advertising Club of St. Louis Collection

Press Club of Metropolitan St. Louis Archive

The department is open Monday-Saturday 10-6. Some materials may be photocopied or scanned by RBM staff for patrons.

RBM staff are not able to provide appraisals of the monetary value of materials due to the IRS stipulations which view libraries as interested parties for potential donations.

Some Collections stored offsite (Compton Branch) and require advance notice for access.

NOTE: Rare Book periodicals located in the Special Collections Department.