The Special Collections Room serves as the entry point for those getting started in research requiring the rooms on the Special Collections Floor. Staff from all departments work at the reference desk on a rotating schedule and referrals are made to specific departments as necessary. This room is the access point for maps located in the map room. All circulating material from the St. Louis Room, the Genealogy Room, and the Rare Books and Manuscripts Room are located in Special Collections.

Items of interest include:
Local Building and Features Files
St. Louis Media Biography Files
St. Louis Portrait Files
St. Louis/Missouri Author Files
Atlases
Baby name books
St. Louis Newspapers
Local Bound Periodicals

The department is open Monday-Saturday 10-6. Materials may be photocopied or scanned by patrons in the adjacent Genealogy Room.