



## Mina Rees Library

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### Special Collections

#### **Graduate School & University Center Special Collections**

The CUNY+ catalog lists several items with the location special collections. For access contact Caroline Fuchs at 212-817-7085 or [cfuchs@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:cfuchs@gc.cuny.edu).

Regular special collections hours are TWF 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Graduate School & University Center Archive**

The Graduate Center Archive contains reports, correspondence, pamphlets, books, periodicals pertaining to the Graduate Center's history and operation. For access contact John Rothman, 212-817-7076, MW 9:30 – 4:00 p.m. For a finding aid, see <http://library.gc.cuny.edu/INFO/Collections.asp#special>

#### **18th Century Reading Room**

The 18th-Century Reading Room houses the Charles J. Tanenbaum collection, including books, pamphlets, maps, broadsides, and manuscripts published in the 18th century. The Reading Room is available for classes, seminars, and gatherings devoted to 18th-century topics. For access contact Caroline Fuchs 212-817-7085 or [cfuchs@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:cfuchs@gc.cuny.edu), TWF 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. To search the collection, see <http://library.gc.cuny.edu/18thC/18search.asp>

#### **Seymour B. Durst Old York Library and Reading Room**

The Old York collection houses New York City books, photos, prints, maps, newspapers, postcards, pamphlets, memorabilia, and artifacts. Contact Madeline Durst 212-817-7241. To search the collection, see <http://www.oldyorklibrary.org/>

All access to the above collections is by appointment only. Appointments last a maximum of 2 hours unless additional time is arranged when scheduling. Repeat visits are welcome. Permission to use special collections does not grant access to other parts of the library by non-CUNY researchers. Use is limited to one researcher using one item at a time unless other specific arrangements are made.

Researchers must bring a valid picture ID and fill out a *Materials Request Form* for each item requested for use. Coats, book bags and other personal items are stored during the visit. Only pencils are allowed for note-taking. No items may be borrowed or removed from the room. In some cases, researchers may be provided with and required to use archival gloves when handling material. Photocopies at \$.25/page may be made at the discretion of the librarian to be mailed or picked up the following day.

## **The Eighteenth-Century Reading Room Mina Rees Library Room C196.05**

The Eighteenth-Century Reading Room, located in room C196.05 on the Concourse Level of the Mina Rees Library, is home to a growing special collection of rare materials from the eighteenth century. The collection includes books, pamphlets, maps, broadsides, letters and documents and is available for use by members of the CUNY community as well as other interested researchers and scholars. In addition to being used as a reading room, this site is available for classes, seminars, lectures and gatherings devoted to eighteenth-century subjects. A searchable database of currently available items can be found on the Mina Rees Library Homepage through the link to Policies and Collections or by going directly to the database at [library.gc.cuny.edu/18thC/18search.asp](http://library.gc.cuny.edu/18thC/18search.asp).

The collection includes many familiar works but also some lesser-known items. Most are materials that had been published in several editions and were reprinted both in the United States and Britain. Included also are works that were published in France, some of which were translated into English. A great deal, but not all, of the materials revolve around issues relating to the time period of both the American and French Revolutions. In addition to materials on history and government, the collection contains other areas of interest such as travel, literature, popular press, social reform, geography, music, medicine, etc.

The materials housed in the Eighteenth-Century Reading Room provide a unique opportunity for researchers to work “hands-on” with rare primary resources in a friendly but quiet atmosphere. While access to the collection is by appointment only, the donor firmly believes that it is only through the use of primary documents and original materials that a researcher can gain an accurate portrayal of and unique insight into a particular period in time. Thus, unlike with most special collections of rare materials, use of the collection is greatly encouraged.

Access to and use of the Eighteenth-Century Reading Room and its materials is by appointment only. Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**To schedule an appointment or to use the Eighteenth-Century Reading Room, contact Caroline Fuchs at 212-817-7085 or email [cfuchs@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:cfuchs@gc.cuny.edu).**