

What facilities and services do we provide?

- An enquiry service, by email, phone, post or in person
- A comfortable, friendly searchroom, conducive to study
- Catalogues and indexes
- On site and remote copying facilities

Access

We are open to the general public as well as the academic community.

To consult material from the Archives, please make an appointment.

We are accessible to users with a disability – please get in touch for further details.

Contact

All enquiries and appointment requests should be directed to:

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Opening times

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

There are closed periods throughout the year, so please check

www.keele.ac.uk/depts/li/specarc

or phone 01782 733237 for up-to-date information.



How to find us

The Special Collections and Archives, including the Local Collection, are situated on the top floor of the University Library, at the centre of the Keele campus.

Campus parking is pay and display.



Special Collections and Archives



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We preserve and provide access to a unique and impressive range of collections and archives, dating as far back as the eleventh century, for the benefit of the Higher Education community and beyond. As well as material of local significance, we hold much that is of national and international importance.



What do we hold?

Our holdings span 1400 linear metres of manuscript, printed and pictorial material, which has been acquired by deposit, gift and purchase since the 1950s. As well as Estate, Family and Business records, we hold manorial records, monastic papers, personal papers, research papers, literary papers and the records of societies.

The Special Collections and Archives comprise a variety of material, such as medieval manuscripts, seals, correspondence, ledgers, maps, plans, watercolours, sketches, lantern plates, photographs, rare books and microfilm.

Major themes and subject areas include:

Agricultural History	Mining and Railway History
Archaeology	Music
Ceramic History	North Staffordshire Dialect
Cheshire History	Philosophy
Education	Politics
Estate and Household Management	Social Science Movement
Keele University	Staffordshire History
Land Tenure	Travel
Literature	Tudor History
Manorial History	
Medieval History	
Military History	

Our major collections and archives are:

Arnold Bennett Papers	Paget Papers
Wilfred Bloor Papers	Pape Collection
Havergal Brian Society Archive	Raymond Richards Collection
T. E. Hulme Collection	Sneyd Papers
William Jack Collection	Spode Papers
Knight and Sons Papers	Tamworth Court Rolls
LePlay Archive	Warrillow Collection
A.D. Lindsay Papers	J.C. Wedgwood Papers
Karl Mannheim Papers	



View summaries of our collections at:

www.keele.ac.uk/depts/li/specarc/

Our paper catalogues can be consulted in the Special Collections and Archives searchroom.



The Local Collection comprises over 5,000 books, plus pamphlets, newspapers, journals, directories and maps relating to the history of Staffordshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire and Shropshire. Noteworthy features include the **Staffordshire Advertiser** on microfilm (1795-1973), the **North Staffordshire Journal of Field Studies**, the **Collections for a History of Staffordshire**, the **Pottery Gazette** and the transcriptions of parish registers published by the **Staffordshire Parish Registers Society**.

The Local Collection catalogue is part of the Library catalogue and can be searched online at:

<http://opac.keele.ac.uk>

You do not need to make an appointment in order to consult the Local Collection, and Keele registered users are entitled to borrow.

