

## Microforms Collections

### General Information

Microforms are materials that have been photographed and reprinted in a miniaturized format. CWU's collections include a variety of materials, such as: newspapers, periodicals, rare and out-of-print books, government publications, dissertations, special collections, and college catalogs.

The microform collections are located in the Microform Room on the third floor of Brooks Library and contain 3 Microformats:

1. Microfiche (MH location) - Rectangular transparent film cards, filed in drawers. U.S. government publications have "SuDocs" numbers, and the rest of the collection is arranged using accession numbers.
2. Microfilm (MM location) - Reels of transparent film, placed in boxes that are filed in drawers. Each title has a number.
3. Microprint / Microcard (MP location) - White cards with miniature black print, filed in boxes on shelves. Each set has a number.

Many of the sets have their own index and vary according to the type of material. The staff in Government Publications & Current Periodicals are available to assist using these indexes and the equipment. For additional research information, please refer to the [Microforms Research Guide](#).

### Microform Sets

- [OneSearch](#) contains records for many of the microform sets. Searches can be performed using keywords, subject, author, or title. The record for the set will provide the location number and format for CWU's collection. OneSearch records describe the entire set, without any entries for the individual publications or titles contained within the set.
- Printed indexes for most of the microform sets are available in the Microforms Room on the third floor. The indexes are also arranged in numeric order, using the same number that was given to the microform set. A card file in the Microforms Room contains detailed descriptions and provides access by subject for selected sets.

### Newspapers And Periodicals

- [OneSearch](#) contains records for newspapers and periodicals. Records indicate issues received, format, and call number for newspaper and periodical titles owned by the Library.
- Indexes and abstracts in the Reference Unit (1st floor) and electronic databases accessible through the Library's web pages are used to locate articles within the newspapers and magazines.
- There is a list of major newspapers in microform, including both current newspapers and newspapers of historical interest.

### Government Publications

- [OneSearch](#), and the [Catalog of U.S. Government Publications \(CGP\)](#) are databases that contain records for government publications in all forms and formats, including microfiche. The complete record is used to determine where each document title will be found. All documents are filed or shelved according to the "SuDocs" classification system, which puts materials in order by the publishing agency. (Government Publications are filed at the beginning of the microfiche collection).
- Historical documents, primarily congressional materials, have been purchased as sets, with a separate index for each collection. Ask the staff for help using these print indexes or their online counterpart.

Assistance with locating microforms and using the equipment is available, and advisable for first-time users, at the

Government Publications & Current Periodicals service desk on the third floor.

## Selected Microform Collections, By Subject

### English Literature

- **Microbook Library of English Literature (Microfiche MH-4)** provides the text of English literary works from their beginnings (Beowulf) to the early 20th century. An index is available at the Government Publications & Current Periodicals service desk. (Also in the Reference Unit at Call Number Z 2012 L47).
- **Library of English Literature (Microfiche MH-4)** contains early English literary works, from the beginning to the early 20th century. The index is available at the Government Publications & Current Periodicals service desk.

### Foreign Countries

- **United Nations Document (Microprint MP-144, 1946-1982 and Microfiche MH-144, 1982-1992)** is a collection of UN documents and official records. Staff at the Government Publications & Current Periodicals service desk will be able to assist in using this collection, including helping use the indexes Z 6482 U45.

### History

- **History of the Pacific Northwest (Microfilm MM-641)** contains materials relative to the settling of the Pacific Northwest. An index is available at the Government Publications & Current Periodicals service desk.
- **Library of American Civilization (Microfiche MH-351)** is a large collection of historically significant publications published from the "beginning" until the outbreak of WW II. Indexes are at the Government Publications & Current Periodicals service desk.
- **Western Americana (Microfiche MH-318)** is a microfiche collection of books and documents from the 18th to the early 20th centuries. An index to the collection is available at the Government Publications & Current Periodicals service desk.

### Newspapers

- CWU collects microfilm reels with editions of many newspapers, including:
  - Ellensburg Daily Record (MM-258)
  - Seattle Times (MM 3)
  - Washington Post (MM 701)
  - Wenatchee World (MM-709)
  - Yakima Herald (MM-6)
- Current newspapers are available on the 3rd floor in print.
- Indexes for newspapers are located in the Government Publications & Current Periodicals Services unit on the third floor.
- Digital versions of newspapers are available via the [CWU Library Databases Page](#).

### Papers

**These collections include personal papers from individuals and organizations including:**

- Jane Addams Papers (MM 908)
- The Papers of Andrew Jackson (MM 1013)
- Indian Rights Association Papers, 1864-1973 (MM 392)
- National Woman's Party Papers, 1913-1974 (MM 845-846).

The staff at the Government Publications & Current Periodicals service desk can assist with using the indexes for sets of these papers.



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