

Special Collections

Items in CWU Library's Special Collections are housed with archival materials on the second floor of Brooks Library. Special Collections materials may be found by searching [OneSearch](#) or by consulting the suggested reading below.

Special Collections materials focus on the eight counties of central Washington state: Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, and Yakima. Special attention is given to Native American populations, early exploration, and pioneer settlement in the central Washington region. Special Collections include the following:

Regional Literature

The CWU Archives and Special Collections specializes in literature and fiction relating to central Washington, as well as publications by local authors. For suggested reading on the counties of Washington state, see the following guides:

- [Benton County](#)
- [Chelan County](#)
- [Douglas County](#)
- [Grant County](#)
- [Kittitas County and Ellensburg](#)
- [Klickitat County](#)
- [Okanogan County](#)
- [Yakima County](#)

Rare Books

Rare books have been added to the CWU Archives when deemed significant historically, intellectually, or monetarily. Some of these books may be found in the following subject areas:

- [The Civil War and Slavery](#)
- [Fashion History and Costume Design](#)
- [The Northern Pacific Railroad](#)

Central Washington University History

The Central Washington University History collection contains published materials documenting the history of Central and its programs. Materials include college bulletins, yearbooks, institutional histories, and faculty publications. In addition, see the following guide for more on the university's early curriculum:

- [Early Central Washington University Textbooks](#)

Children's Literature

The Children's Literature collection contains historic children's books that were originally part of the Curriculum Lab of the Washington State Normal School. See the following for a few examples:

- [Aesop's Fables Collection](#)

Darwin Goodey Native and Western American Art, Culture, and History

The Darwin Goodey Native and Western American Art, Culture, and History collection consists of books on Native



American history, culture and art. It also encompasses published works on 19th-century western American history and art with a strong focus on the Pacific Northwest. See the following guides for examples of this material:

- [Native Americans \(Yakamas\)](#)
- [Pioneer Narratives](#)

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