

**Be A Better Research Assistant**  
**Graduate Student Workshop – September 26, 2007**

**I. What They Didn't Tell You**

**You Don't Have to Go It Alone!!!**

- A. Welcome
  - Subject Specialist Page  
[http://library.nyu.edu/research/lib\\_arc.html](http://library.nyu.edu/research/lib_arc.html)
  - Ask a Librarian & Instant Messaging  
<http://library.nyu.edu/ask/>
  - LibLink  
<http://library.nyu.edu/services/liblink.html>

**II. Services & Centers**

- A. Circulation/Reserve/ILL/Deputy Borrower
  - <http://www.library.nyu.edu/services/reserves.html>
  - <http://www.library.nyu.edu/forms/ab.pdf>
  - <http://www.library.nyu.edu/services/ill.html>
- B. Avery Fisher Center  
<http://www.library.nyu.edu/afc/>
- C. The Studio/Faculty Technology Center  
<http://www.nyu.edu/its/studio/>
- D. ITS Statistical Computing Lab  
<http://www.nyu.edu/its/statistics/>  
  
Statistics and GIS classes  
<http://www.nyu.edu/its/classes/>

**III. Think About the Library!**

- A. Library Webpage  
<http://www.library.nyu.edu/>

## **Stretching Beyond Boundaries!**

### B. Beyond NYU

-Other catalogs

[http://library.nyu.edu/collections/other\\_catalogs.html](http://library.nyu.edu/collections/other_catalogs.html)

- New York Public Library Research Libraries

<http://www.nypl.org/research/>

### C. Citation Index and Citation Checking

### D. Dissertation Abstracts

### E. Special and Documents Collections

-Documents Collections

-Special Collections

<http://library.nyu.edu/collections/archives.html>

### F. Human Subjects

<http://www.nyu.edu/ucaih/about/>

## **IV. Organizing Your Research**

### **Useful Tools!**

#### A. RefWorks

<http://www.library.nyu.edu/tools/refworks/>

#### B. Alerting Services

<http://library.nyu.edu/research/subjects/general/alerting/>

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**Special Collections in**  
**Bobst Library**

# What's So Special about Special Collections?



- Primary sources
- One-of-a-kind items
- Archives of personal papers and organizational records
- Rare books, serials, ephemera, artwork, film, video, prints, posters, photographs, oral histories, letters, diaries, pamphlets, government documents



# Special Collections in Bobst

- Fales Library
- Tamiment Library & Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives
- University Archives
- Government Information - Depository collections  
(United Nations, Food and Agricultural Organization, US Federal, and select IGOS)
- <http://library.nyu.edu/collections/archives.html>

# Visiting Special Collections

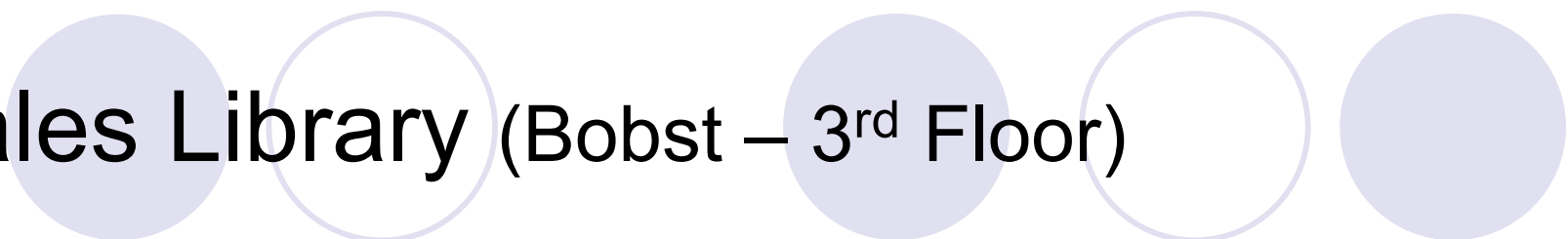
- Different Hours
- Open to the public
- Materials do not circulate
- Some materials are offsite
- Closed stacks
- Register
- Call slips / request forms
- Use pencils only
- No food or drink
- Sign in every day
- Photocopy services
- Plan ahead!

# Finding Materials in Special Collections

- Collection-level records in [BobCat](#)
- [Finding Aids](#) for Archival Collections
- Websites of [Special Collections](#)
- Ask about unpublished descriptions, inventories, container lists, databases

# Research in Special Collections

- Ask reference staff about the best way to navigate collections
- Get the facts: Use reference works & secondary sources *before* using primary sources
- Follow the leads in published sources
- Take good notes so you can accurately cite documents
- Plan ahead – research in primary sources takes time



# Fales Library (Bobst – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

- Fales Collection of English & American Literature
  - Documents prose fiction from 1740
- Downtown Collection
  - The NYC Downtown art scene from 1974
- The Food and Cookery Collection
  - American food history with a focus on NYC
- <http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/fales/>

# Tamiment Library & Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives (Bobst 10<sup>th</sup> floor)

- Labor and the Left
- Collections document organized labor, socialism, communism, anarchism, utopian experiments, the cultural left, the New Left, and the struggle for civil rights and civil liberties
- Highlights include: Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives, Archives of the CPUSA, records of NYC trade unions, Leo Hershkowitz Collection of New York City History, Archives of Irish America
- <http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/tam/>



# University Archives (Bobst 10<sup>th</sup> Floor)

- Serves as the repository for the historical records of NYU
- Documents the history of NYU
- Collections include university history, student life, athletics, publications, history of Greenwich Village
- <http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/arch/>

# Government Information (Bobst 6<sup>th</sup> Floor)

- United Nations – full depository since 1949 (search UNBISNET)
- US Federal - selective depository since 1967 (find in Bobcat!)
- Food and Agriculture Organization since 1965
- World Tourism Organization depository library since 2003
- Historical documents from the League of Nations and the UN Conference on International Organizations
- Council of Europe, IAEA, IADB, ILO, IMF, OAS, OECD, WHO and World Bank Group

