Overview

The California Room collects historical materials with an emphasis on San José and Santa Clara Valley. Subjects include California ethnic groups, the Gold Rush, indigenous people, missions and railroads. Our most popular research materials include maps, aerial photographs, city directories, and newspaper clippings and fiche.

Collection Types

- Books
- Yearbooks
- Directories
- Government records
- Newspapers
- Maps
- Photographs
- Videos
- Audio recordings
- Periodicals
- Sheet music
- Ephemera
- Artifacts

FY 2020/21 Facts

- Staff: 5
- Number of Visits: 1,282
- Digital items accessed: 301,850
- Volunteers: 0
- Volunteer Hours: 0
- Events/Exhibits: 0
- Class Visits: 0
- Physical Collection: 57,639
- Digital Collection: 55,226

Technology

- Microfilm readers
- Portable scanners
- Photocopier
- Two research computers

2020/21 Special Programs

July–September 2022
East Side Dreams: The Untold Story of East San Jose (exhibit)

August 13th, 2022
Growing up East Side (speaker event)

September 3rd, 2022
East Side Stories (speaker event)

Partners

- History San José
- Santa Clara County Archives
- Santa Clara University Archives
- Sourisseau Academy
- SJSU Special Collections and Archives
- SJSU Africana, Asian American, Chicano, & Native American Studies Center