California Room
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 5th Floor
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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.

FY 2020/21 Facts
Staff 5
Number of Visits 3,864
Physical Collection 57,639
Digital Collection 55,226

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

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

Librarian
Shane Curtin
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Hours
Monday 1 PM-6 PM
Tuesday 11 AM-6 PM
Wednesday 11 AM-6 PM
Thursday 11 AM-6 PM
Friday 11 AM-6 PM
Saturday 1 PM-6 PM
Sunday Closed

2021 22 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