Introduction

Special Collections holds an extensive collection of twentieth century science fiction. This includes thousands of books in hardcover and paperback from the 1920s through the 1950s as well as several thousand magazine issues from hundreds of different titles featuring science fiction and pulp literature. In addition, the library holds comprehensive collections of the works of Edgar Rice Burroughs and of the African American science fiction writer Samuel Delany. The library’s holdings also include many works of science fiction and its progenitors from the nineteenth century and earlier.

The hardcover books in the collection can be found in DELCAT. The periodicals and the paperbacks are not in DELCAT but there are finding aids available online and in the department that list individual titles.

Selected Titles

Aldiss, Brian Wilson, 1925-

*Space, time, and Nathaniel (presciences)*. (London: Faber and Faber, 1957).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PR6051 .L3 S63x 1957

Asimov, Isaac, 1920-


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3551.S5 P4 1990

Bester, Alfred.

*Tiger! Tiger!*. (London: Sidgwick and Jackson, [1956])

LOCATION: Special Collections PS3552 .E796 T54 1956
Blish, James.


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3503.L64 D86 1959b

Bradbury, Ray, 1920-

*Fahrenheit 451*. Illustrated by Joe Mugnaini. (New York: Ballantine Books [1953])

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3503.R167 F3 1953


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3503.R167 M37 1950

"Something wicked this way comes": second draft screenplay (Beverly Hills, Calif.: The Bryna Co., 1976.)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS folio PS3503.R167 S642 1976

Burroughs, Edgar Rice, 1875-1950.


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3503 .U687 P74 1917
LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3503.U687 A86 1922b

Carson of Venus. (London: Mark Goulden; distributed by W.H. Allen, [1950]).
LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3503.U687 C36 1950

The gods of Mars, and The warlord of Mars. Illus. by Frank Frazetta. (Garden City, N.Y.: Nelson Doubleday [c1971])
LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3503.U687 G63 1971

The illustrated Tarzan books, no. 1. Picturized from the novel "Tarzan of the apes." 300 pictures by Harold Foster. (New York: Grosset & Dunlap, [1929])
LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3503.U687 I54 1929

Campbell, John Wood, 1910-1971. (also wrote under the pseudonym of Don A. Stuart)
LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3553.A47 W54 1948

Clarke, Arthur Charles, 1917-
Prelude to space. ([New York]: Gnome Press, [c1954])
LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PR6005.L36 P74 1954
"Sands of Mars." (New York: Gnome Press [1952])

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PR6005.L36 S35 1952

Del Rey, Lester, 1915-

"...and some were human." With drawings by Sol Levin. (Philadelphia: Prime Press, 1948).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3554.E445 A78 1948

"Marooned on Mars." Jacket illus. by Paul Orban; endpaper design by Alex Schomburg. (Philadelphia: Winston, [1952]).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3554 .E445 M36 1952

Dick, Philip K.


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. Roland Bounds Science Fiction paperback collection.

Herbert, Frank.


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. Roland Bounds Science fiction paperback collection.
Heinlein, Robert A. (Robert Anson), 1907-

Red planet, a colonial boy on Mars. Illustrated by Clifford Geary. (New York: Scribner's Sons, [1949])

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3515.E288 R43 1949


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3515.E288 S84 1961

Hubbard, L. Ron (La Fayette Ron), 1911-

From death to the stars. (Los Angeles : Fantasy Pub. Co., [1952?]).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3558.U23 F75 1952

Le Guin, Ursula K., 1929-


LOCATION: MORRIS LIBRARY PS3562.E42 D56


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. Roland Bounds Science fiction paperback collection.
Lovecraft, H. P. (Howard Phillips), 1890-1937.

*Best Supernatural Stories of H. P. Lovecraft*. Edited by August Derleth. (Cleveland: World Publishing Company, [1945]).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3523 .O833 B47 1945

More, Thomas, Sir, Saint, 1478-1535.


Includes “Utopia,” and preliminaries by Budaeus and Paladanus on “Utopia.”

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PR2321 .A1 1566

Norton, Andre.


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. Roland Bounds Science fiction paperback collection.

*Were Wrath*. (New Castle, VA: Cheap Street, 1984).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3527 O632 W4 1984
Pohl, Frederik.

*The Space Merchants*, by Frederik Pohl and C. M. Kornbluth. (NY: Ballantine Books, 1953). (two copies)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS Roland Bounds Science fiction paperback collection.

*Undersea fleet*, by Frederik Pohl and Jack Williamson. (New York: Gnome Press [1956]).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3566.O36 U54 1956

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, 1797-1851.

*The Last Man*, by the Author of Frankenstein [Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley]. (London: Henry Colburn, 1826).

With an East Grinstead Book Club circulation form laid in [n.d.; printed on paper watermarked 1824]

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PR5397 .L37 1826

Simak, Clifford D., 1904-


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3537 .I54 T535 1951

Sturgeon, Theodore.

*The dreaming jewels*. (New York: Greenberg [1950]).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3569 .T875 D74 1950
Van Vogt, A. E. (Alfred Elton), 1912-


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3543.A6546 B65 1947

*Slan.* (Sauk City, Wis.: Arkham House, 1946).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3543.A6546 S55 1946


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3543 .A6546 V69 1950

Vonnegut, Kurt.

*Between time and Timbuktu : or, Prometheus-5,* a space fantasy based on materials. Designed by Joel Schick ; with photographs by Jill Krementz and from the NET Playhouse production. (Frogmore, St. Albans, Herts : Panther, 1975).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3572.O5 B4 1975

*Sirenene på Titan.* Etterord av Bing & Bringsvaerd ; oversatt av Olav Angell og Lill Granrud. (Oslo : Gyldendal Norsk Forlag, 1974).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3572.O5 S54155 1974
Weinbaum, Stanley Grauman, 1902-1935.

*A Martian odyssey and others.* (Reading, Penn: Fantasy Press, 1949).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3545.E4636 M37 1949

Wells, H. G. (Herbert George), 1866-1946.


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PR5774 .I8 1896


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PR5774 .T5 1895


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PR5774 .W3


LOCATION: Special Collections PR5774 .T35

Wilkins, John, 1614-1672.


Includes “The Discovery of a New World, or, a Discourse tending to prove, that ‘tis probable there may be another Habitable World in the Moon. With a Discourse of the Possibility of a
Passage thither.” Wilkins also speculates that there may be extraterrestrial life on the moon.

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS Q155 .W66 1708

Periodicals

Amazing Stories. 1.1 (April 1926)

The first known American science fiction magazine.

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 1.9 (December 1926)

(Lacks covers)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 3.5 (August 1928)

Includes the original short story, “Armageddon – 2149 A.D.”, upon which Buck Rogers was based.

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 3.7 (October 1928)
LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

----. 5.9 (December 1930)

Lacks covers.

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

----. 51.4 (August 1978)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

----. 70.1 (Summer 1998).

(The inaugural issue of a revival of the original *Amazing Stories*, which had ceased publication several years earlier.)

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*Analog: Science Fiction Science Fact.* LXXXIX.4 (June 1972)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

*Astounding Science Fiction.* 28.1 (September 1941)
LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 53.6 (August 1954)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 58.6 (February 1957)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 61.3 (May 1958)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 61.4 (June 1958)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION
Fantastic Adventures 15.1 (January 1953)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 16.3 (March 1953)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

Future Fiction. 1.1 (November 1939)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

Galaxy Magazine. 22.3 (February 1964)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 24.2 (December 1965)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

If: Worlds of Science Fiction. 3.2 (April 1954)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION
The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction. 16.3 (March 1959)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 17.4 (October 1959)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 25.2 (August 1963)

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION

---. 62.4 (April 1982).

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, MSS 504, ROLAND E. BOUNDS SCIENCE FICTION PERIODICAL COLLECTION


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, PS648 S3 T953

Weird Tales. 12.2 (August 1928)

Includes “The Vengeance of Nitocris,” Tennessee Williams’ first publication.

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3545 .I5365 V47 1928
Private Presses

Cheap Street


LOCATION: PS3552 .E542 C4 1990


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3552 .E542 M38 1991


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3552 .E542 T54 1984

[Cheap Street Prospectuses]. (New Castle, Va.: Cheap Street, [1992?]).

A portfolio of advertisements for the publisher’s works.

LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEL Z232 .C52 C52x 1992


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3563 .A255 G55x 1985


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3573 .A4228 Y68 1993

Targ Editions


LOCATION: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PS3551 .S5 A615 1981
Manuscripts


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The Roland E. Bounds Paperback Science Fiction Book Collection consists of nearly seven thousand science fiction paperbacks published between 1890 and 2002 assembled by the Delaware collector Roland Bounds.


The Roland Bounds Science Fiction Periodicals Collection contains several hundred issues of science fiction and fantasy magazines dating from the 1920s to the 1990s, though Bounds made a special effort to collect vintage (pre-1953) issues.

**MSS 559** *W. Merritt Burke III pulp paperback book collection*, 1913–1968, 5 linear ft. (ca. 300 vols.).

The W. Merritt Burke III pulp paperback book collection comprises pulp novels primarily published in the United States in the 1930s and 1940s.


The Samuel R. Delany collection includes Delany’s letters to publisher Bill Bamberger (Bamberger Books), manuscript drafts of novels in progress, comic books, science fiction anthologies, and journals of fantasy and science fiction to which Delany contributed or served as editor.