



Use of the Center

Any one may use the collections held by the Center for Adventist Research. To use certain portions, advance notice may be required. Please note the hours for the Center are more limited than the general library.

Due to the unique nature of many of the items in the various collections, the Center maintains different use policies than are found throughout the rest of the Library. These policies are designed to protect and preserve the materials and ensure they will be available for others to use in the future. In many cases it is impossible to replace items, so extreme care is needed. The patron's cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated. Some of these different policies may be summarized as follows:

- All materials must be used only in the Center's Reading Room.
- Patrons must leave all bags and other items, including food and drink, in the lockers provided.
- Use only pencils and handle all items with care.
- Photocopies or scans may be made of most items, but for some items photocopying will be restricted or not allowed due to the physical condition of the material or copyright concerns.
- Additional details may be found published in the Patron Policies available at the Center.

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Five different organizations are located in the Center for Adventist Research:

Adventist Heritage Center

The Adventist Heritage Center is a premier collection of all aspects of Seventh-day Adventist history, life, and culture. The collection ranges from the pre-Millerite days of the 19th century to today. Holdings include:

- Official publications of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (all levels) and Andrews University.
- Books, pamphlets, microforms and other text/paper based materials in as many editions as possible. English is the primary language of the collection, but non-English publications are extensively collected. The Adventist Heritage Center holds over 60,000 print and text items. Nearly all may be located via the Library's online catalog.
- Periodicals. The Adventist Heritage Center holds one of the finest and most complete collections of English language Seventh-day Adventist periodicals. The collection of non-English language Seventh-day Adventist periodicals is unmatched by any other collection in the world. The number of English and non-English periodicals currently received on a regular basis is over 800 titles. The Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index is available to help access some of these periodicals. Other reference tools exist



including the card index to the Review and Herald. The Adventist Heritage Center holds well over 20,000 volumes of periodicals.

- Manuscript Collections. The Adventist Heritage Center holds over 200 manuscript collections – papers of administrators, and missionaries. Many of these collections may be found via the Library's online catalog.
- Audio-Visuals. The Adventist Heritage Center holds thousands of cassette and video tapes produced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church or its members. Over 20,000 photographs are also available of Andrews University and Seventh-day Adventist subjects.
- Exhibits. On general display are a number of the artifacts and documents in the Adventist Heritage Center collections. These generally show some aspect of Church and University history, and some aspect of the Bible. Included in these exhibits are several rare books and Bibles which make up the Library's Rare Materials Collection.

Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office

The Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office holds an extensive amount of material on the life, work, and writings of Ellen White, one of the co-founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and one held by the Church to be a messenger for the Lord. Materials include:

- Letters and manuscripts by Mrs. White. Some contain her original handwritten notes.
- Document file containing hundreds of folders on a wide range of issues and topics in the Seventh-day Adventist Church history and life. Accessed via a card file available from the Reception desk and searchable by topic from the James White Library website.
- Published writings of Ellen White which is searchable online via egw writings.org.
- Ellen White Question and Answer file. This contains answers to questions raised in the past about Ellen White and her role in the Church. This is accessed online via drc.whiteestate.org.



Other Services and Collections

University Archives

The Andrews University Records Center and Archives is primarily for the use of the University personnel. Most of the records held are closed to research. However, there are a number of record series which may be used by the general researcher. Access is via University Archives personnel.

Rare Materials Collection

The James White Library Rare Materials Collection contains volumes dating from the 15th century to the present. Items are included in this collection because they need the care and handling afforded them in a special collection. Most of them are fully useable by patrons, but under certain restrictions.

Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index

The editorial office of the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index is in the Center for Adventist Research. It is an appropriate home for it in that all the journals indexed are in the Center's collection and users of the Index generally need to come to the Center to access the articles cited in the Index.