

# Conservation of Special Collections



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## Special collections room



- The Room is named José Cecilio del Valle
- The collections are available to everyone upon written request.
- Those who consult the collections must comply with the regulations of the library. The consultation will be exclusively inside the room. Backpacks, bags, briefcases, meals, drinks, pens, notebooks are not allowed. Staff provides paper and pencil for notetaking.
- It is not permitted to make photocopies or to take photographs using a flash.
- Patrons entering the room to consult the materials will be accompanied by the person in charge at all times.

## The Room

- It is designed for storing these collections on special shelves with doors that allow air circulation in the collections' area.
- Air conditioning and continuous monitoring of relative humidity and temperature.
- We applied preventive conservation strategies to very damaged books by housing them inside acid-free paper boxes.

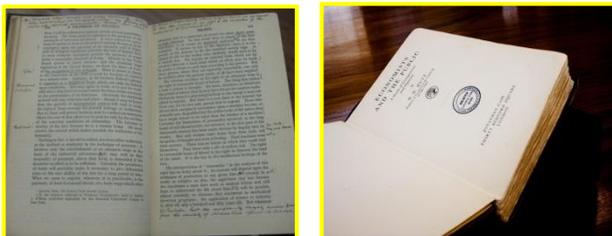


## José Cecilio del Valle Collection

- 1,800 published books. 16<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- Including the main liberal economists and the classics.
- Books about law, religion, literature and the social sciences, in English, Spanish, French, Latin, Greek, and Italian.
- The Lexicon Book Graecolatium of Coradum Gefnerum and Arnoldum, Arlenius, is the oldest in this collection, from 1548. A copy of the first Universal Encyclopedia of Denis Diderot and Jean Alembert, 1782-1783 is also part of this collection.



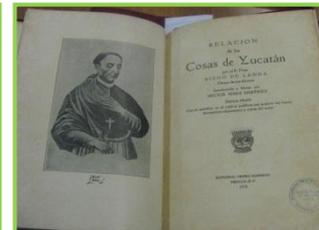
## William Hutt Collection



- Was a very important, Non-Keynesian Economist.
- He collected books of about keynesian, most of the books have annotations by the collector.
- The collection contains 543 books.

## Carlos W. Elmenhorst Collection

- Collector of maps and books by travelers in Mesoamerica.
- The collection consists of 593 books.
- The collection includes books on cartography, geography, history and stories of voyages of exploration in the Mesoamerican region.



## Digitization of rare books

- We are in the process of digitizing the books about Guatemalan and Central American history.
- + 4,000 books have been digitized
- The oldest book that has been digitized dates from 1619
- Available to researchers and students
- Can be consulted on the site:

[www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)