Searching Special Collections in the MERLIN catalog
Did you know the MERLIN library catalog will let you limit your search to Special Collections? Here’s how to do it.

1. Get set up to search
Starting from the main MERLIN screen, click on the Advanced tab.

On the Advanced Search page, enter your keywords at the top. You can use the dropdown menu to search within Author, Title, or Subject (Table of Contents and Notes are not advised for Special Collections materials). Or you can leave it open to search all available fields.
2. Limit your results

Scroll down to Add Limits. Under Specific Library Location, choose MU Ellis Special Coll.

You can use additional limits such as language or year of publication. Because Special Collections holdings include lots of microfilms, it's useful to limit by Material Type.

Hold down the CTRL key to make multiple selections. Some useful limits include:

- Looking for books, pamphlets, journals, etc.? Limit to Books and Journals/Newspapers.
- Posters - limit to Images and Books
- Maps - limit to Maps and Images
- Microfilm, microfiche, etc - limit to Microforms