

## LOCATING SCIENCE FICTION RESOURCES AT THE KENNETH SPENCER RESEARCH LIBRARY

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**SPENCER LIBRARY WEBSITE:** <http://spencer.lib.ku.edu>

Look under “Collections” for general narrative overviews of our holdings. Click on “Special Collections” and scroll down to “Science Fiction Collection” (<http://spencer.lib.ku.edu/collections/special-collections/science-fiction>) for an overview of Spencer’s SF holdings.

### SEARCHING FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS MATERIALS AT THE SPENCER RESEARCH LIBRARY

#### PRINT:

- In KU’s online catalog (<http://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>), try using the “Set Other Search Limits” function to restrict your search to items held only at the Spencer Research Library. NOTE: when you do this, you will be limited to keyword or boolean (AND, OR, NOT) searches.
- Another good way to find Spencer items is to conduct an “Author” or “Title” search and then sort by date. For example, select “Author” from the “Search by” menu and then enter the author’s name in the format “last name, first name”. Once you receive your results, select “Date (earliest first)” from the “Sort results by” drop down menu.

#### MANUSCRIPT:

- When searching for manuscripts and archival collections, try:
  - Searching in KU’s online catalog (as described above)
  - Searching the Spencer Library’s Online Finding Aids at <http://etext.ku.edu/search?route=ksrlead;brand=ksrlead>
  - Searching the paper lists in the yellow “Catalog IV” binders in the reading room. Several of the SF collections that do not yet have online finding aids have paper descriptive lists in these “Catalog IV” binders under “ASF (American Science Fiction).”
  - Searching the manuscript card catalog at the Spencer Library
  - **Asking a librarian for help!** (There is always a reference librarian available on the reference desk in the reading room and you can email me directly at [ehaley@ku.edu](mailto:ehaley@ku.edu))

### REQUESTING MATERIALS:

- The Kenneth Spencer Research Library uses Aeon, an electronic researcher account system, to register users and to receive and process paging requests. For step-by-step video tutorials on how to create your researcher account and how to submit paging requests through Aeon, please click on the “Creating an Account and Registering through Aeon” tab at <http://spencer.lib.ku.edu/using-the-library/library-use-and-policies>
- Request materials at Spencer by using the “Get at Spencer” link next to the location field in the online catalog record.

**Location:** Spencer Library (Special Collections) - Get at Spencer

**Call Number:** B298

**Status:** Item details not available

Login to your Aeon Researcher Account system to complete and submit your request. **\*\*NOTE:** items won’t be pulled until you arrive in the reading room.\*\*

## SCIENCE FICTION MANUSCRIPT HOLDINGS:

In addition to our holdings of Science Fiction books and periodicals, the Spencer Research Library holds papers and manuscript materials for several writers, publishers, agents, and organizations involved in the larger world of Speculative Fiction. The collections include materials for:

- Brian Aldiss, [Helliconia Manuscripts Collection](#) (writer)
- [Harry Altshuler](#) (journalist, literary agent, writer)
- [Eric Temple Bell](#) (mathematician, writer)
- [Lloyd Biggle](#) (writer)
- Algis Budrys (writer)
- Thomas A. Easton (writer, critic, scholar)
- James Gunn (writer, critic, scholar)
- [Russell Randolph Hays](#) (inventor, writer)
- [Joan Hunter Holly](#) (writer, Science Fiction Writers of America officer)
- Lee Killough (writer)
- [P. Schuyler \(Peter Schuyler\) Miller](#) (writer, critic)
- [Robert Mills Literary Agency](#) (organization)
- Science Fiction Oral History Association (organization)
- Science Fiction Research Association (organization)
- [T. L. Sherred](#) (writer)
- Cordwainer Smith (writer)
- [Theodore Sturgeon](#)\*\* (writer)
- A. E. van Vogt (writer)
- [Donald A. Wollheim](#) (publisher, editor, writer)

Online finding aids exist for the collections (or at least one accession of the collections) of those writers whose names appear as hyperlinks. These finding aids may be accessed through the Library's "[Finding Aids for Archival and Manuscript Collections](#)" [page](#). Inventory information for the remaining collections may be accessed through paper guides in the Spencer Research Library Reading Room or by consulting a librarian.

\*\* An additional finding aid for the latest accession of the Theodore Sturgeon papers is currently available in draft form. To receive a draft copy of this finding aid, please contact [chealey@ku.edu](mailto:chealey@ku.edu). Additional information regarding this collection is available through the [KU Libraries news archive](#).

## MATERIALS IN POWERPOINT DISPLAY

[Abbott, Edwin Abbott, 1838-1926.] *Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions / with illustrations by the*

*author, A Square*. London: Seeley, 1884. Call Number: C2922 or C4121. (First Edition)  
<http://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=3661575>

Abbott, Edwin Abbott, 1838-1926. *Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions by Edwin Abbott Abbott (Square)*. San Francisco: Arion Press, 1980. Call Number: H242.

<http://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2617196>

*Amazing Stories*. Vol. 1, No. 1. (April 1926). Call Number: ASF Curr D3

<http://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=3828632>

Asimov, Isaac. Letter to Theodore Sturgeon. 24 December, 1960. Theodore Sturgeon Papers. Call Number: New accession; cataloging in progress.

Gunn, James. [*The Listeners*, proofs for science-fiction novel published by Scribners in 1972. Based on Gunn's stories "The Listeners", "The Voices", "The Message", "The Answer", "The Waiting", and "The Reply".] Call Number: MS 116  
<http://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=3008208> (see also Catalog IV binders: "ASF Collection: Gunn, for more detailed description).

Killough, Lee. ["Background Book" for *Deadly Silents*]. Call Number: MS 226, Box 2, Folder 7.  
<http://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=3010038>

Killough, Lee. *Deadly Silents*. New York: Ballantine Books, [c1981]. Call Number: ASF B931  
<http://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2619652>

Smith, Cordwainer, 1913-1966. [Manuscript Notebook: The Collected Works of Paul Myron Linebarger]. [circa 1928?]. Call Number: MS C267  
<http://catalog.lib.ku.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?bbid=2959943>

Sturgeon, Theodore. *More than Human*. New York: Farrar, Straus & Young with Ballantine Books, 1953. Call Number: New accession; cataloging in progress.