



San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation Library Camera Use Policy

Researchers may take photographs of collection materials (excluding those in the photo and Society archives collections) for study purposes only, and as allowed by the library, based on the physical condition of the materials, copyright law, donor restrictions, and reading room rules.

WARNING CONCERNING COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specified conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be “used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship, or research.” If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of “fair use,” that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

I agree to the following conditions when taking photos in the library:

Patron responsibilities

- I will obtain permission from library staff before taking any photographs.
- I will take photographs in designated areas only.
- I will not photograph more than 50 pages or 20 percent (whichever is smaller) of any book, manuscript, or collection, unless an exception for more has been specifically granted.
- I will use my personal camera device only — no portable scanners.
- I will include in each photograph a strip provided by the library stating the library name and including a copyright notice.
- It is my responsibility to keep accurate citations for all items photographed, which I will need if I order publication-quality images or request permission to quote.

Materials handling rules

- I will handle the materials with care and according to library rules.
- I will **not** bend, press down, or otherwise manipulate or rearrange materials to get a better photograph.
- I will keep materials flat on the table or in the stand/cradle provided.
- I will ask library staff for assistance with fastened items.
- I will **not** remove items from their plastic sleeves.
- I will **not** stand on or rearrange chairs, tables, or other furniture.
- I will turn off the flash and sound on my camera.
- I will **not** use special lights or portable scanners.
- I will **not** take photographs of the staff, reading room, or other researchers.
- I understand that the library reserves the right to deny permission to photograph collection materials at its discretion.

Copyright

- I will use the photographs for my private study, scholarship and research only.
- I will not publish the photographs in print, post them on the Internet, nor exhibit them, unless I have obtained permission from the copyright holder to do so.
- I will not donate, sell, or provide the photographs to another repository.
- I will request publication-quality images from the library at its standard fees, if needed.
- It is my responsibility to obtain permission to publish from copyright owners.

This institution reserves the right to refuse a copying order if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the order would involve violation of copyright law.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation Library, its agents and employees against all claims, demands, costs and expenses incurred by copyright infringement or any other legal or regulatory cause of action arising from the use of these photographs.

I have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions above. I understand that my failure to follow them may result in the termination of my camera privileges.