

Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies Policy for Digital Copies and Camera Use in the Research Room

Overview and Importance

The Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies supports research by providing reproductions of archival materials in digital form whenever possible, including permitting researchers to use digital cameras in the research room and providing copies of born-digital archival materials. This policy balances the needs of researchers and intellectual property rights owners.

Intellectual Property Rights

- **Digital photographs and copies are for personal or research use only under the fair use provisions of U.S. Copyright Law (17USC107).** They may not be published, posted on the internet (including but not limited to social media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TUMBLR), donated or sold to another repository, or exhibited. However, these photographs **MAY be used in class assignments or unpublished theses.**
- **Researchers who wish to use reproductions of Russell Library materials for publication or broadcast in any media or displayed online must obtain prior written permission from the Russell Library.** Researchers who require images for publication or broadcast should discuss their projects with the archivist on duty in the research room, or submit an email request outlining the use and indicating that they require a high-quality digital reproduction to russlib@uga.edu.

Digital Camera Use in the Research Room

The Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies allows researchers to use cameras in the research rooms subject to the terms outlined below. **The Russell Library reserves the right to prohibit researchers from photographing any materials in its collections if the photography could result in harm to the material.**

- Researchers who wish to take digital photographs must display a patron digital photography permit at their desk.
- Researchers who wish to take digital photographs must complete a citation identification flag for each item they photograph and include it in the photograph.
- Use of a flash, additional lights, scanners, templates, or other equipment is prohibited.
- Materials must remain flat on the desk or, if a bound volume, resting in a book cradle.
- Researchers may not force open bindings, stand on tables or chairs, or hold up materials in order to obtain a better quality photographs.

- Photography of other researchers or library staff is prohibited.

Obtaining Digital Copies of Archival Material

- Researchers who take digital photographs or receive digital copies of Russell Library materials accept full responsibility for determining whether or not U.S. copyright law protects the materials and whether any use of the copies exceeds the limits of fair use.
- Researchers are required to sign the Digital Reproductions Use Agreement before taking digital photographs or receiving digital copies.
- Researchers may order high-quality, digital reproductions of materials in our holdings. The researcher must provide complete and accurate citations (complete call number, box number and folder title) for an order to be fulfilled.

Access to Born-Digital Archival Material

Some archival materials only exist in digital form, such as email, spreadsheets, and databases. These materials are described in collection finding aids along with any related papers. To access these materials:

- Researchers may request digital materials from the finding aid as they would other materials.
- Once a researcher requests digital materials, an archivist will share the digital files with the researcher within two business days via Google Drive. If the researcher does not have a Google account, the archivist will provide instructions for creating one.
- Requested files will remain in Google Drive for two weeks. Copies of the files may be downloaded for personal research use only.

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