The Library holds thousands of folded maps in document cases, as well as many historical, political, and topographic maps that are housed in the two flat files in the back of the room. They are best accessed with the help of a host.

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Some Special Collections include:

- The Library holds the Epicenter Zone zine archives, the zine collection expresses an enormous range of social, political, and personal expression from the 1990s and 2000s.
- Please ask for help.

For help with finding materials:

- Special Collection: American Home
  - Food and Survey Graphics
  - Special Collection: EPICENTRE ZONE
  - Finding Aid available
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- The Therkelson Collection
  - 20th-century CB operators.
  - Finding Aids are available in advance of a visit.
  - A man named Norman Therkelson has clipped and organized articles from newspapers around California and the Bay Area, assembling more than 80 QSL cards QSL cards are postcards that express written confirmation of a successful radio link, either a two-way link between citizens band operators, or a one-way link between a broadcast and a listener.

- The Therkelson Collection
  - EPICENTRE ZONE
  - Finding Aid available
  - Since the late 1940s (ongoing in 2020), a man named Norman Therkelson has clipped and organized articles from newspapers around California and the Bay Area, assembling more than 80 clipping books on topics relating to landscape, infrastructure, and the built environment. The Therkelson Clipping Books are housed on freestanding shelving in the back of the room. Please ask for help.