Welcome to the
Bertrand Russell Archives

The material in the Russell Archives is special and requires special care.

- Please place your belongings in a locker. You may bring your computer and notes into the reading room, but no coats or bags.

- Food and drink are not permitted in the reading room.

- Pencils or computers may be used to take notes; pens and highlighters may not.

- This is a quiet study space. Please keep voices low. Cell phone use is not permitted.

- You must have a borrower’s card to use the collection—a McMaster Student Card or Staff Card, an External Borrower Card, or a Researcher Card that we can issue to you.

- All material will be retrieved by staff for you to use. Last retrieval is at 3:30 p.m. You may use up to 2 boxes of archives and/or 2 books at one time.

- Care must be used in handling the material. For archives, the order of folders within a box, and of items within a folder, must be maintained.

- No material from the Russell Archives may be removed from the reading room.

- Please consult staff if you wish to order copies or make copies with a camera.