Exhibition Loans FAQ

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences’ Margaret Herrick Library has extensive collections documenting the history of the motion picture industry. The Library’s collection is largely paper-based and can be made available to AAM accredited (or equivalent) museum institutions for inclusion in exhibition loans.

Borrowing materials from the Library for exhibition loans
To submit a request to borrow items from the library’s collection, please submit a written request to registrar@oscars.org. A staff member will contact you with details of the Library’s loan policies and procedures. When writing about items in the library’s collections, we ask that you please reference our holdings from one of these resources representing the library’s five main collecting areas:

Core Collection Reference Files
https://collections.oscars.org/prodfile/
This database is a finding aid for clipping files including press books and lobby cards. It may be necessary for researchers to visit the library in person and make selections to be digitized prior to making a formal loan request. View items from this collecting area that have been digitized and are included in Academy Collections.

Graphic Arts
https://collections.new.oscars.org
Academy Collections includes records for all of the Library’s Graphic Arts (posters and production art) collections. Many records include digital images.

Photographs
https://collections.oscars.org/photoinv/
This database is a finding aid for the Library’s photograph holdings. It may be necessary for researchers to visit the library in person and make selections to be digitized prior to making a formal loan request. View items from this collecting area that have been digitized and are included in Academy Collections.

Special collections
https://collections.oscars.org/msinvent/
This database is a finding aid for the Library’s manuscript and music holdings. It may be necessary for researchers to visit the library in person and make selections to be digitized prior to making a formal loan request. View items from this collecting area that have been digitized and are included in Academy Collections.
Technical services

http://catalog.oscars.org

This database is a catalog of the Library’s books, periodicals and scripts. It may be necessary for researchers to visit the library in person and make selections to be digitized prior to making a formal loan request. View items from this collecting area that have been digitized and are included in Academy Collections.

Each of these resources has a list-making function that allows researchers to submit requests for appointments to view materials. Whenever possible, please use lists to communicate with Academy staff. We ask that you use lists created using these resources because it enables our staff to evaluate and efficiently process your request. Thank you for your cooperation.

Resources overview

A note about Academy Collections. Academy Collections provides access to the Academy’s holdings, including the Margaret Herrick Library’s Graphic Arts collections (posters and production art), a selection of photographs, documents and ephemera as well as the Academy Film Archive’s catalog of video histories and moving image collection.

Assistance using any of these resources should be directed to ref@oscars.org or the library’s telephone reference line: 310.247.3020 (M, T, TH or F from 10 AM to 2 PM PST).

Thank you for using our online resources!