

The Special Collections of National Széchényi Library, including the Manuscript Collection, Early Printed Books Archive, the Theater History and Music Collection, the Collection of Maps, Posters and Small Prints and the Historical Photo and Video Collection (previously called: Photo Collection and the Collection of Historical Interviews) will be reopened to readers **as of July 14, 2020**, in compliance with the epidemiological rules due to the coronavirus situation.

Until further notice, the reading rooms of NSZL's Special Collections will be open to readers **Tuesday to Thursday, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

In line with the epidemiological rules, and in order to keep the necessary social distance, the reading rooms of our Special Collections will receive a maximum of 26 readers at a time. (Check the details below.)

On entering the Library, please, use the touch-free hand sanitizer equipment located at the main entrance at all times! During your entire stay in the Library building, it is recommended to wear a face mask. In the reading spaces, it is compulsory to wear a face mask. **Please, bring a mask with you!**

Changes in the use of public spaces by readers to comply with epidemiological rules:

- **We can provide our readers with a research opportunity in the reading rooms of the Special Collections only after a preliminary reservation of a seat and date. (In lack of a prior seat and date reservation, the reading rooms of NSZL's Special Collections cannot be visited.)**
- If you want to reserve a seat in the joint reading room of the Manuscript Collection, the Early Printed Books Archive and the Map Collection (there are altogether 9 reader seats), send a message terkep@oszk.hu, manuscriptum@oszk.hu, or to regikonyv@oszk.hu.
- If you wish to attend the reading room of the Theater History and Music Collection (there are 8 + 2 + 1 reader seats here: 8 larger desks, 2 smaller reading spaces and 1 seat in the catalog space only for working with the card catalogs), write to one of the following e-mail addresses: szinhaz@oszk.hu or zene@oszk.hu.
- If you want to research in the reading room of the Collection of Posters and Small Prints, or in that of the Photo Collection which has temporarily been located here (6 reader seats), you are kindly asked to send your request to plakat@oszk.hu or fenykeptar@oszk.hu.
- The Collection of Historical Interviews has been waiting for readers in the General Reading Room. In line with epidemiological regulations, sharing of computers is forbidden.

- We will send a reply to all of the reader seat reservation requests, but e-mails coming in after the opening hours will be processed only next day if the Library is opened. We kindly ask for your patience. Your requests coming in via e-mail should contain your phone number, so that NSZL staff could contact you if there is any problem with the reservation.
- Document preparation queries are accepted at the e-mail addresses provided above, **until 12 a.m. on the day preceding your planned visit.**
- Information related to documents belonging to the Manuscript Collection or other issues can be obtained at the following phone numbers: (+36-1) 224-3700/890, a (+36) 30 311 3519, (+36) 30 312 3782, or (+36) 30 310 9377.
- Information related to documents belonging to the Collection of Posters and Small Prints can be obtained at (+36-1) 487-8623.
- Information related to documents belonging to the Early Printed Books Archive will be provided at the following phone numbers: (+36-1) 224-3700/776, or (+36-1) 224-3700/564.
- Information related to documents belonging to the Theater History Collection is available at (+36-1) 224 3781.
- Information related to documents belonging to the Map Collection can be obtained at (+36 1) 224-3700/353.
- Information related to documents belonging to the Music Collection is available at the following phone number: (+36-1) 224 3778.
- Information related to documents belonging to the Photo Collection or other issues at the following phone number: (+36-1) 487 8613.
- The Collections of Historical Interviews can be accessed at interjutar@oszk.hu or at bealukacs@oszk.hu. Information is also available at the following phone number: (+36-1) 224-3710.

Special Collection	Reading room	E-mail address	Phone number
Manuscript Collection	Level 6 Map Collection Reading Room	manuscriptum@oszk.hu	(+36-1) 224-3700/890 (+36) 30 311 3519 (+36) 30 312 3782 (+36) 30 310 9377

Early Printed Books Archive	Level 6 Map Collection Reading Room	regikonyv@oszk.hu	(+36-1) 224-3700/776 (+36-1) 224-3700/564
Map Collection	Level 6 Map Collection Reading Room	terkep@oszk.hu	(+36 1) 224-3700/353
Collection of Posters and Small Prints	Level 5 Collection of Posters and Small Prints Reading Room	plakat@oszk.hu	(+36-1) 487-8623
Theater History Collection	Level 6 Theater History Collection Reading Room	szinhaz@oszk.hu	(+36-1) 224 3781
Music Collection	Level 6 Theater History Collection Reading Room	zene@oszk.hu	(+36-1) 224 3778
Photo Collection	Level 5 Collection of Posters and Small Prints Reading Room	fenykeptar@oszk.hu	(+36-1) 487 8613
Historical Interviews	Level 7 General Reading Room	interjutar@oszk.hu bealukacs@oszk.hu	(+36-1) 224-3710

- Documents belonging to the Special Collections can be researched only by readers holding a valid Reader Pass for at least 6 months, holders of daily tickets

allow you to use only the catalog, documents on the free shelves and documents of the Collection of Historical Interviews, which can be serviced digitally.

- Validity of Reader Passes, valid at least until March 14, 2020 (i.e. Reader Passes having expired during the quarantine period, or still valid) will be prolonged with 3 months free of charge.
- Library registration can be made Tuesday to Friday, until 16.30. Nylon bags provided to readers with a monthly, semi-annual or annual Reader Pass do not have to be returned on departure, and they will be replaced with a new bag in case they are damaged.
- The cloakroom can receive one reader at a time, so we recommend you to use the lockable safes.
- Reserved documents have been waiting for our readers: reservations made until March 15 have been re-launched, dated July 14, 2020. (The only exception is the Early Printed Books Archive. Please, order these items again.)
- You can reserve documents from the repository, however, documents cannot be switched between readers, in order to minimize physical contact.
- Documents pre-ordered from the repositories of the Special Collections, as well as books and documents belonging to the reference library and used in the reading room will be transferred into a 72-hour quarantine. For the safety of our readers, these documents will not be serviced to other readers during that period.
- Books taken from the free shelves must be returned place to the place provided for this purpose, so that the Library could ensure their separation.
- For added security, we will temporarily suspend the use of Reader Professional Workstations (OPMs) and all other computers. That is why we ask you to bring your own electronic device (laptop or tablet) with you if possible. At the public areas of the Library, wifi service will be provided for our readers.
- In order to minimize physical contact, document copying queries will be fulfilled within 6 workdays in an electronic format or via mail. Service fee can be paid either by transfer or by cash on delivery.

We are looking forward to seeing you again in the Special Collections of NSZL!