Guide to the Embodied Information Teaching Collection

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Arrangement of Materials:
The collection is organized into seven series based on the different mediums humankind has used to capture and convey information throughout time. Within each series the organization of the materials is based on when the repository acquired the materials (so the most recent acquisition is at the end of the series).

Scope and Contents:
An artificial collection created by the Sutro Library staff in 2017 that allows students to have a hands on experience with various formats and artifacts that embody the transmission of information throughout time. The samples in this collection are not from the Sutro Library’s historic collections; rather, they were bought specifically for the purpose of allowing intensive hands on use for teaching and learning.

series 1: The manuscript era and its precursors
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**Box 1, Folder 1**  
**Samples of vellum and parchment.**  
**Scope and Contents**  
[The dealer described the samples coming from sheep hides raised by the local 4H program and auctioned off at the County Fair].

**Box 2**  
**Cochineal beetles**  
**Box 2**  
**Crushed up cochineal beetles**  
**Box 2**  
**Raw, blue lapis lazuli from Afghanistan**  
**Box 2**  
**Swan feathers**  
**Box 3**  
**Oak galls**  
**Box 3**  
**Handmade paper samples**  
**Box 3**  
**Model of a paper making mold**  
**Box 3**  
**Red, wax stick for sealing letters**  
**Box 3**  
**Stamp "T" to seal letters closed**  
**Box 3**  
**Tibetian reeds sewn together (as Roman clay tablets would have been)**  
**Box 3**  
**Liquid gold ink**  
**Modern example of a feather quill with steel nib**

**series 2: Production of printed books**

**Box 1, Folder 2**  
**Marbled paper.**  
**Scope and Contents**  
[modern].

**Box 3**  
**Small box filled with font**

**series 3: History of Readership**

**Box 1, Folder 3**  
**Published book with extensive marginalia.**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Buchanan, Milton A. Editor, La vida es sueño, comedia famosa de D. Pedro Calderon De La Barca. 1636, vol. 1, University of Toronto Library, 1909.

**series 4: History of Illustrations/Graphics**

**Box 1, Folder 4**  
**Woodblock illustration.**  
**Scope and Contents**  
[Relief of steamer at sea].

**series 5: History of Photography**

**Box 1, Folder 5**  
**Early photography.**  
**Scope and Contents**  

**Box 1, Folder 6**  
**Stereoviews.**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Box 1, Folder 7  Postcards.
Scope and Contents

Box 1, Folder 8  Viewmaster reels.
Scope and Contents

Box 1, Folder 9  Polaroids photographs.
Scope and Contents
Black and white polaroid picture of audio equipment, 1962 and original advertisement for the Polaroid Land Camera, no date.

Box 1, Folder 13  Photographic Negatives.
Scope and Contents
Item 1: photo negative, no date. Item 2: glass negative of an unidentified boy and girl, no date.

Box 2  Viewmaster, no date.
Box 4  Stereoscope (reproduction).

series 6: History of Audiovisual materials

Box 1, Folder 10  45 RPM vinyl record [red].
Scope and Contents

Box 1, Folder 11  Reel to Reel tape.
Scope and Contents
Scotch Brand recording tape [blank?], 7 inch reel, no date.

Box 2  Piano roll.
Scope and Contents
"Peggy O'Neill," waltz, 1921. Produced by Supertone Player Word Rolls, [1921?].

series 7: Modern formats

Box 1, Folder 12  CD Rom.
Scope and Contents
"Hawking Pocket Cam," computer software for digital camera, no date.

Box 2  Microfilm.
Scope and Contents
Microfilm reel, no date. 'City Directories of the United States, Segment IV, 1902-1935. Albany, NY, Reel 7, 1914-1915.'