

## Using the LBJ Reading Room for your Inquiry

The LBJ reading room is located on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the LBJ Library and Museum and is open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excepting federal holidays). There are over 45 million documents, an audiovisual collection, and 1,500 oral history interviews available to you. Papers from Lyndon B. Johnson’s time in the White House as well as from his service as a U.S. Congressman, U.S. Senator, and as Vice President are all located at the LBJ Library.

Steps for using the LBJ Library:

- 1) Carefully look at the library website ( <http://www.lbjlibrary.org/collections/info-for-researchers.html> ) and begin exploring the online archives. See also the LBJ Skill Module so you can decide if you actually want to use the archives and what you’re looking for.
- 2) Call and make an appointment with a librarian to receive your reading room card. Explain that you are writing a research paper for your honors research course (Originality in the Arts and Sciences) and would like to utilize the LBJ archives. If they have any questions direct them to your TA Meghan Andrews ([meghan\\_andrews@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:meghan_andrews@mail.utexas.edu)). To make an appointment call (512.721.0212). It is important that you know what you’re looking for *before* you call the library.
- 3) You will need to bring both a student and government-issued ID (driver’s license), and the librarian will give you an orientation and let you know the rules. Certain items are not permitted in the reading room (backpacks, etc.) and you will need to leave them in lockers located on the outside. If you drive to the LBJ library they will give you a special parking pass since you’re likely to be there longer than the museum visit parking limit.
- 4) You may want to bring a digital camera or money to use the copier found in the reading room, as you cannot remove items and may want to view them later.
- 5) In order to get credit for this skill module, see the instructions on the course website.