

Juniper Ink Map Cabinet

Imaginary-map reading register

Reader requests

The Juniper Ink Map Cabinet keeps maps of invented towns for a storytelling library. A reading request identifies a folder and a study table. These maps depict fictional places and are not intended for navigation outside the library.

Request window

Map requests open at 09:40. Readers give the folder identifier at the cabinet counter before taking a seat.

Request limit

One reading request covers 4 map sheets. A folded sheet counts as one sheet even when its folds create several visible panels.

First folder

A reader's first request uses the Wren folder. Staff explain the folder tabs and the sheet labels with that example.

Flattening stage

During the fold-settle stage, sheets rest under the ivory rail. Staff remove the rail before allowing the reader to turn a sheet.

Table practice

Readers use their own paper for notes. Nothing is written on a map sheet or placed inside a folder as a bookmark.

Identity record

The request keeps the sheet identifier along with the folder name. A reader's description of a town does not replace either identifier.

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Sheet handling

The cabinet uses a short fold-settle stage before a sheet is read. The ivory rail is a handling aid and is not part of the map's depicted geography. The handler records the stage independently from the reader's notes.

Stage handler

Rae Noll manages the fold-settle stage. The handler checks the sheet after lifting the ivory rail.

Sheet width

An unfolded standard sheet is 46 cm wide. The figure describes the paper width, excluding its folder tabs.

Reading slip

The reading slip is coded JI-35. Staff copy the request identifier below the code before delivering a folder.

Turn sequence

Readers turn one sheet at a time. A sheet returns to its labelled position in the folder before the next sheet is opened.

Fold note

A split fold is recorded next to the sheet identifier. The handler does not call a sheet complete if a panel remains in a separate repair envelope.

Map boundary

The maps' town names belong to the storytelling collection. No scale on a sheet certifies the existence of a depicted town or the length of a real journey.

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Return and cabinet close

A reading request closes when the named sheets return to their folder positions. The cabinet retains slips separately from readers' notes. Cabinet filing records the paper objects, while the stories inspired by a reader remain outside this register.

Slip position

Closed reading slips go in drawer D11. Open requests remain in the cabinet counter binder.

Public close

The map reading room closes at 16:25. Staff finish the folder count before closing the room's interior screen.

Unspecified sale

The register does not provide a purchase price for the Wren folder. The collection is a reading collection and no folder-sale price is listed.

Folder count

The closing count uses sheet identifiers. A folder with a missing sheet remains open even if the reader has returned its outer cover.

Repair distinction

A repair envelope remains attached to the request until the sheet is complete again. The clerk does not silently replace a missing panel with a copy from another folder.

Scope reminder

The cabinet circulates paper maps at reading tables. Its register contains no directions for travel, survey certification or claims about an actual town boundary.