



# BPL Special Collections: UX Specifications



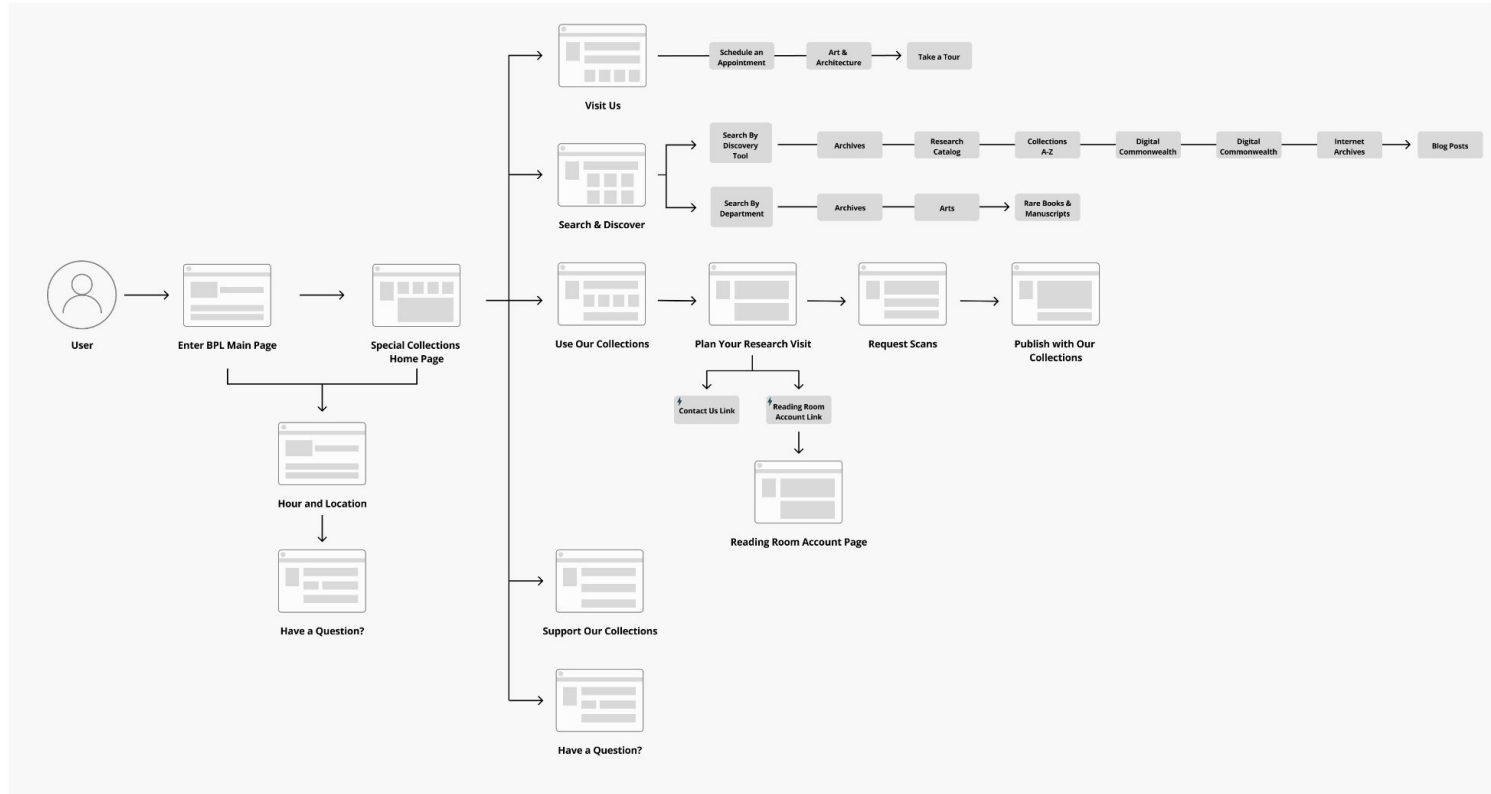
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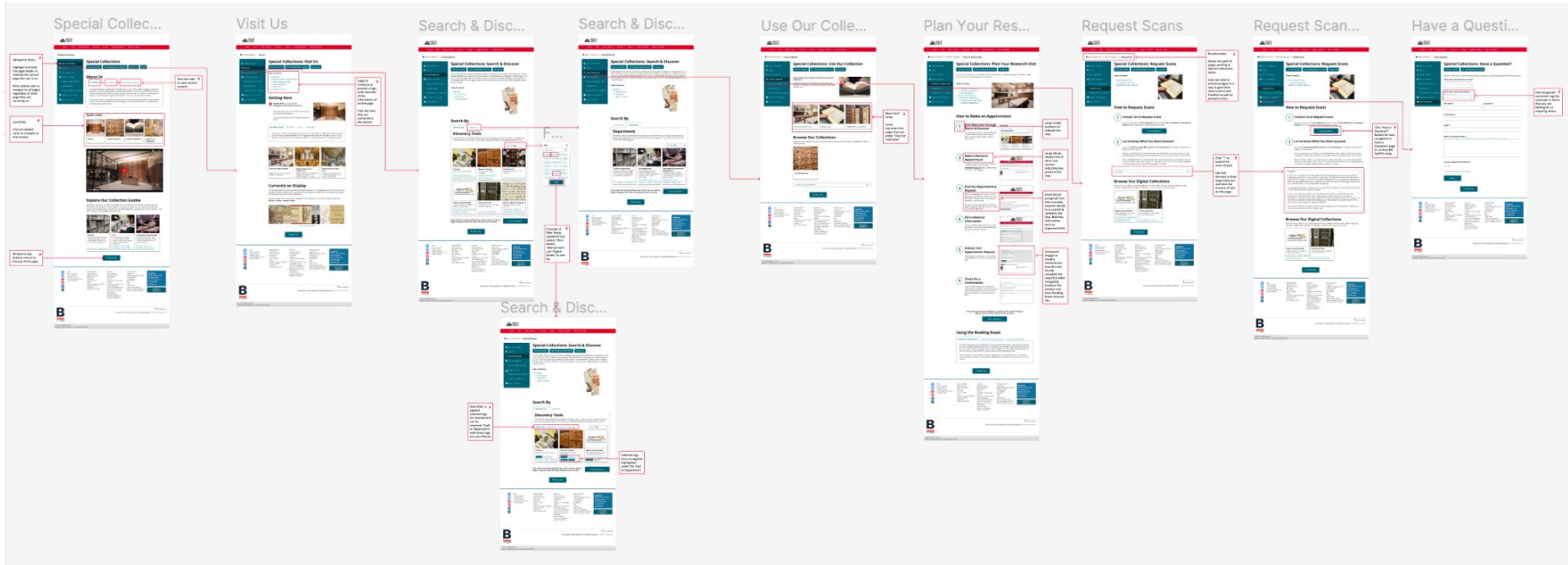
**HIGH LEVEL  
USER FLOW**

# BPL Special Collections: High Level User Flow



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**INTERACTION  
FLOW**



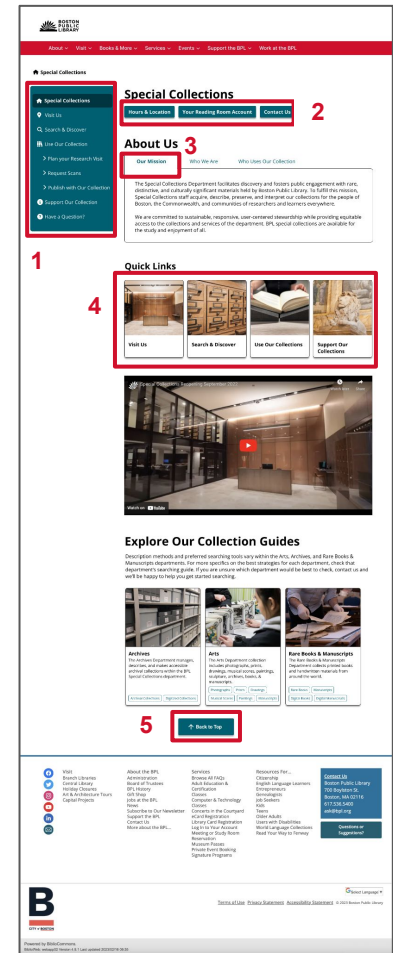
## VIEW INTERACTION FLOW

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**DETAILED PAGE  
SPECIFICATIONS**

# “Special Collections: Home” Page

1. To navigate between pages, users can press one of the several links listed in the navigation bar. The current page is bolded and has a darker background so that users can easily understand where they are.
2. Three buttons labeled “Hours & Location,” “Your Reading Room Account,” and “Contact Us” can be clicked by users to head to different pages. They can go to the “Have a Question?” page, see BPL’s hours and location, or go to BPL’s Reading Room interface.
3. To see various information about Special Collections, users can press on one of three tabs (“Our Mission,” “Who We Are,” and “Who Uses Our Collection”) under the “About Us” section to switch the content being shown.
4. Besides the navigation bar, users can head to other Special Collections pages by clicking on one of the four card links (“Visit Us,” “Search & Discover,” “User Our Collections,” and “Support Our Collections”) listed under “Quick Links.”
5. Users can quickly head to the top of the page once they reach the bottom by pressing on the button labeled “Back to Top.”





# “Special Collections: Visit Us” Page

1. Breadcrumbs show the path that a user has taken to get to a specific page within Special Collections, and users can press the page names to head to previous or current pages.
2. To navigate between pages, users can press one of the several links listed in the navigation bar. The current page is bolded and has a darker background so that users can easily understand where they are.
3. Three buttons labeled “Hours & Location,” “Your Reading Room Account,” and “Contact Us” can be clicked by users to head to different pages. They can go to the “Have a Question?” page, see BPL’s hours and location, or go to BPL’s Reading Room interface.
4. A table of contents presents an overview of what information is on the page with links that can be pressed by users to navigate to different sections of it.
5. Users can head to the “Plan Your Research Visit” page of Special Collections by clicking the card link labeled as such.
6. Users can quickly head to the top of the page once they reach the bottom by pressing on the button labeled “Back to Top.”

The screenshot shows the Boston Public Library website's "Special Collections: Visit Us" page. The page features a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Visit Us", "Books & More", "Services", "Events", "Support the BPL", and "Work at the BPL". The main content area includes a sidebar with navigation options like "Special Collections", "Work Us", "Search & Discover", "Use Our Collection", "Plan your Research Visit", "Request Scan", "Publish with Our Collection", and "Send a Question". The main content area has a "Special Collections: Visit Us" header with three buttons: "Hours & Location", "Your Reading Room Account", and "Contact Us". Below this is a "Table of Contents" section with links to "Getting Here", "Directions and Transit Information", "Plan Your Research Visit", "Ask & Answer Questions", "Take a Tour", and "Contact Us (Display)". A "Getting Here" section provides location information and a map. A "By Public Transit" section lists various transit options. A "Plan Your Research Visit" section includes a card with a "Plan Your Research Visit" link. A "Currently on Display" section features a "Back to Top" button. The footer contains contact information, a "Contact Us" button, and a "Terms of Use" link.

# “Special Collections: Search & Discover” Page

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3. Three buttons labeled “Hours & Location,” “Your Reading Room Account,” and “Contact Us” can be clicked by users to head to different pages. They can go to the “Have a Question?” page, see BPL’s hours and location, or go to BPL’s Reading Room interface.
4. A table of contents presents an overview of what information is on the page with links that can be pressed by users to navigate to different sections of it.
5. To search for materials, users can press on one of two tabs (“Discovery Tool” and “Department”) under the “Search By” section to switch the searching methods shown.
6. Users can also head to the “Have a Question?” page of Special Collections by pressing the button labeled as such.
7. Users can quickly head to the top of the page once they reach the bottom by pressing on the button labeled “Back to Top.”

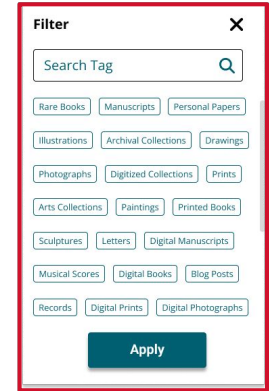
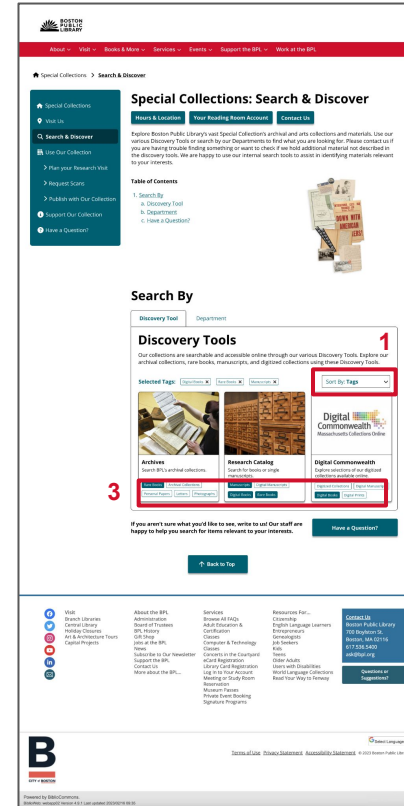
The screenshot shows the 'Special Collections: Search & Discover' page. Red boxes and numbers 1 through 7 highlight specific features:

- 1:** Breadcrumbs at the top: Special Collections > Search & Discover
- 2:** Navigation bar with links: Home & Location, Your Reading Room Account, Contact Us
- 3:** Table of Contents section with links: Search By, Discovery Tool, Department, Have a Question?
- 4:** Search By section with tabs: Discovery Tool, Department
- 5:** Discovery Tools section with sub-sections: Address, Research Catalog, Collections A-Z, Digital Commonwealth, Internet Archives, Special Collections Blog Post
- 6:** Have a Question? button at the bottom right
- 7:** Back to Top button at the bottom left

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with 'B BPL logo' and 'Special Collections' text.

# “Special Collections: Search & Discover” Page - Filter

1. On both tabs under “Search By,” users can press a dropdown button labeled “Sort By: Tags” to sort the available discovery tools and departments by specific materials that can be found through them.
2. Upon pressing the “Sort By: Tags” dropdown button, this filter menu overlay shows which tags users can filter for. A specific tag will be applied to the filter if pressed (and it will show as having a darker blue background). A user can also search for specific tags. Once a user is done choosing tags, they can press the “Apply” button to filter the content accordingly.
3. Once a user applies tag filters, the number of discovery tools or departments will narrow down to those that contain the given tags. Tags that were filtered for will then appear as having a darker blue background within the the discovery tool or department cards.



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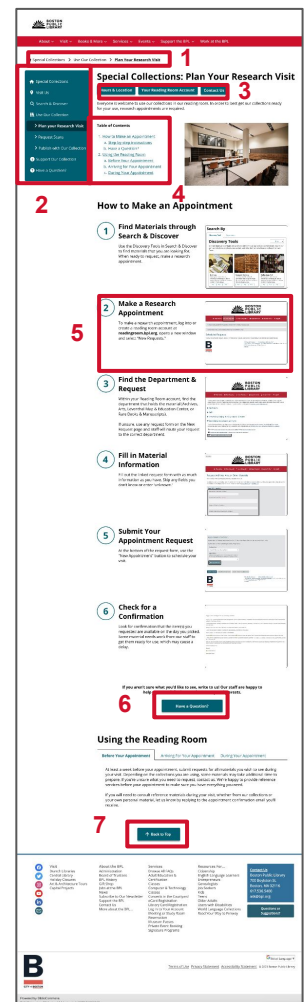
# “Special Collections: Use Our Collection” Page

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3. Three buttons labeled “Hours & Location,” “Your Reading Room Account,” and “Contact Us” can be clicked by users to head to different pages. They can go to the “Have a Question?” page, see BPL’s hours and location, or go to BPL’s Reading Room interface.
4. Users can head to “Plan Your Research Visit,” “Request Scans,” and “Search & Discover” pages of Special Collections by clicking the card links labeled as such.
5. Users can press the “+” or “-” icon near the “Harmful Language Statement” label to see or collapse information about potential inappropriate language in BPL’s materials.
6. Users can quickly head to the top of the page once they reach the bottom by pressing on the button labeled “Back to Top.”



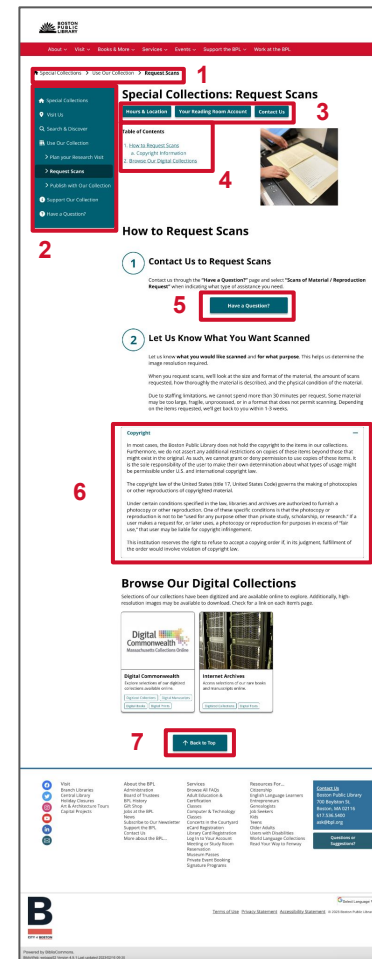
# “Special Collections: Plan Your Research Visit” Page

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4. A table of contents presents an overview of what information is on the page with links that can be pressed by users to navigate to different sections of it.
5. Under “How to Make an Appointment,” users can make a Reading Room appointment by reading the numbered instructions, looking at the picture that go with them, and pressing the bolded link that takes them to the Reading Room interface.
6. Users can also head to the “Have a Question?” page of Special Collections by pressing the button labeled as such.
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# “Special Collections: Request Scans” Page

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4. A table of contents presents an overview of what information is on the page with links that can be pressed by users to navigate to different sections of it.
5. Users can also head to the “Have a Question?” page of Special Collections by pressing the button labeled as such.
6. Users can press the “+” or “-” icon near the “Copyright” label to see or collapse information about copyright law regarding BPL’s materials.
7. Users can quickly head to the top of the page once they reach the bottom by pressing on the button labeled “Back to Top.”



# “Special Collections: Have A Question?” Page

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2. To navigate between pages, users can press one of the several links listed in the navigation bar. The current page is bolded and has a darker background so that users can easily understand where they are.
3. Two buttons labeled “Hours & Location” and “Your Reading Room Account” can be clicked by users to head to different pages. They can see BPL’s hours and location or go to BPL’s Reading Room interface.
4. Users can quickly head to the top of the page once they reach the bottom by pressing on the button labeled “Back to Top.”

