Searching Rare Books
Using the GVSU Libraries Search to find Rare Books available in Special Collections

Getting Started
Go to: https://www.gvsu.edu/library/

In the upper navigation bar, choose “Books” from the “More Research Tools” menu.

Using the “Books” tab will take you to a more focused search for Rare Books.

Searching
Once you’ve selected “Books” you will have a new search bar at the top of the page.

Click on “Advanced Search”

Enter your search terms at the top

In “Search Modes and Expanders” select what you would prefer for the search, or leave it on “Find all of my search terms”

Then select “Catalog Only” in the “Limit your results” on the right-hand side
On the left-hand side select “Special Collections and University Archives” from the alphabetical list under “Library Location”.

Once you have all the filters selected, hit the yellow “Search” button in the bottom right corner of the page.

Your results list will all indicate “Seidman House” and then the collection within Rare Books where the book can be found. (In the example here, “Lincoln and Civil War”).

Write down the title and call number to request the physical item from Seidman House staff during your visit.