

Senate House Library Guides

# French



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## PRINTED COLLECTIONS

### Collection overview

The collection covers language and literature from the medieval period, but is particularly strong in literature from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century onwards.

Critical material is also available in English, together with some English language translations of key or representative texts.

There are modest holdings in Occitan.

Collection strengths include:

- Emphasis on literature, with primary texts collected mainly in the original language
- A focus on contemporary authors
- Good holdings in post-colonial literatures
- Strong holdings in the literature of French-speaking Africa
- Substantial holdings of related periodical literature and Special Collections material

### Collection location

- Most books are located on the **6th floor, South Block**
- All items available on open access will display the location FRENCH, with the class-mark prefix 3 eg FRENCH South Block 6<sup>th</sup> floor (3) XTA Kay
- Most periodicals are located on the periodicals open shelves (PS) through the Institute of Classical Studies, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, South Block
- Recent issues of periodicals are on display bays in the **Goldsmiths' Room – 4<sup>th</sup> floor, South Block**
- Some items are held in the closed access stacks. These will display the location **Stack Service**. Please ask at the Issue Desk, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, South Block, or see our website for further details
- To locate individual titles use the online catalogue

### Related collections

- Art – for French art and aesthetics
- Film – books on French film are with the Film and Media Studies collection, and French films are with the DVD collection
- History – history of France and French-speaking countries
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies – for material from the French-speaking Caribbean
- Music
- Palaeography
- Philosophy
- Special Collections – eg Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature (early French socialism, French history, travel), Porteus Library (French Revolution)
- Dictionaries and reference works in the Information Centre, 4<sup>th</sup> floor

## ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Electronic resources can be accessed from the Information Centre and the Digital Resources Centre (4<sup>th</sup> floor) where printing is provided. Many are also available from other PCs in the Library and can be accessed off-site by Library members. Please check our web pages for access information: [www.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/resources/databaseauth.asp](http://www.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/resources/databaseauth.asp)

### Databases

Databases of particular interest in this subject area include:

- Bibliographie Nationale de France
- FRANCIS
- Index Translationum
- MLA Directory of Periodicals and MLA International Bibliography

See our subject information web pages for details of more research tools of relevance to your subject, as well as further collection and gateway information:

[www.shl.lon.ac.uk/subjects](http://www.shl.lon.ac.uk/subjects)

### Electronic Journals

Search for specific electronic journal titles on the catalogue.

### Web resources

Other electronic resources can be found via the Gateways tab

[www.shl.lon.ac.uk/subjects/french/gateways.shtml](http://www.shl.lon.ac.uk/subjects/french/gateways.shtml) . Some of interest to French Studies researchers include the Modern Language Association website and the British Academy portal.

### OTHER LIBRARIES

For more information about French Studies holdings in other academic libraries in the London area, please consult the M25 Consortium of Higher Education Libraries website:

[www.m25lib.ac.uk](http://www.m25lib.ac.uk). For elsewhere in the UK, consult the Consortium of University and Research Libraries catalogue: [www.copac.ac.uk](http://www.copac.ac.uk).

### CONTACT DETAILS

For further help, please contact the subject librarian, Colin Homiski, tel: 020 7862 8457, email: [colin.homiski@london.ac.uk](mailto:colin.homiski@london.ac.uk) or visit the Information Desk (4<sup>th</sup> floor, South Block), tel: 020 7862 8461, or email:

[shl.enquiries@london.ac.uk](mailto:shl.enquiries@london.ac.uk)

## Classmarks for the French collection

All classmarks in this collection have a numerical prefix of 3 eg FRENCH 6<sup>th</sup> floor south block (3) XTA Kay

French language	<b>XS</b>
Old French to 1500	<b>XSX</b>
Anglo–Norman French	<b>XSZ</b>
French literature	<b>XT</b>
History of French literature (general)	<b>XT–XTJ</b>
French literature to 1300	<b>XTJ</b>
French literature 14 <sup>th</sup> –15 <sup>th</sup> centuries	<b>XTK</b>
French literature Renaissance	<b>XTL</b>
French literature 17 <sup>th</sup> century	<b>XTM</b>
French literature 18 <sup>th</sup> century	<b>XTP</b>
French literature 1789–1850	<b>XTQ</b>
French literature 1850–1900	<b>XTR</b>
French literature 1900–1960	<b>XTT</b>
French literature from 1960	<b>XTU</b>
French literature of Asia and North Africa	<b>XTW</b>
French literature of Africa	<b>XTX</b>
Belgian literature	<b>XTY</b>
French–Canadian literature	<b>XTZ</b>

French–language material from Latin America and the Caribbean is shelved with the Latin American and Caribbean Studies collection

Francophone Caribbean literature	<b>(34) XTV</b>
Occitan language	<b>XKP</b>
Occitan literature	<b>XKQ–R</b>