

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-19th 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 6th floor (3) XTA Kay
- Most periodicals are located on the periodicals open shelves (PS) through the Institute of Classical Studies, 3rd floor, South Block
- Recent issues of periodicals are on display bays in the **Goldsmiths' Room – 4th 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, 4th 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, 4th floor

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Electronic resources can be accessed from the Information Centre and the Digital Resources Centre (4th 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

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

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 . 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. For elsewhere in the UK, consult the Consortium of University and Research Libraries catalogue: 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 or visit the Information Desk (4th floor, South Block), tel: 020 7862 8461, or email:

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Classmarks for the French collection

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

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

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

Francophone Caribbean literature	(34) XTV
Occitan language	XKP
Occitan literature	XKQ–R