

MUNICIPAL NEWSPAPER LIBRARY OF MADRID

HISTORY OF THE NEWSPAPER LIBRARY

The Municipal Newspaper Library was opened to the public in 1918.

It was founded in 1916 and inaugurated in 1918 on the initiative of the journalists R. Fuente and A. Asenjo, with the backing of the Secretary of the City Council, F. Ruano.

The Municipal Newspaper Library rapidly increased its initial collections thanks to many important acquisitions, followed also by highly appreciated deposits and donations from private individuals and official bodies.

During the Second Spanish Republic, the relevance of its collections had made of this Library an institution of renown both in Spain and abroad, which was further increased after the Civil War, due to the fact that during those years the Library gathered publications from both sides.

From its original location at the Plaza de la Villa, it was transferred –in 1983– to the Barracks of the Guardias de Corps, built by Pedro Ribera (1715). It currently holds around 200,000 volumes containing over 31,000 titles. The Library contains printed works since the 15th century, accounts and news since the 17th century and published newspapers from the 17th century onwards. There are many relevant publications from the 18th and 19th centuries, from the times of Spanish Restoration and both Spanish Republics.

From 1966 on, due to material limitations, it was necessary to restrict –with some exceptions– the publications filed in the Library to those printed in Madrid, which make up the majority of titles. However, there are also some valuable collections from other Spanish towns, from Latin America and from some European countries. Many issues are rare and highly valuable, some of them unique.

In 1949, the first public reprography service of Spain was created. In 1986, the Library started the systematic microfilming of collections, and in 1998, the digitalisation process arrived, thus contributing to the consultation and dissemination of the Library's rich collections through the Internet, as well as to a fast location of the vast information contained therein, thanks to OCR searches. In 2008, the first important digitalisation campaign was launched, which since then remains under the responsibility of the Digital Library *Memoria de Madrid*.

Additional digitalisation works are performed pursuant to annual plans based on certain criteria: demand, condition of materials, desirable preservation and intrinsic value of publications.

These criteria are combined with other programmes in which the Municipal Newspaper Library takes part, such as the *Virtual Library of Historical Newspapers* of the Ministry of Culture, besides specific agreements with other authorities.

These programmes are embodied in other European initiatives such as *Hispana* and *Europeana*.

The Newspaper Library also organises complementary cultural activities consisting of, among others, visitor services and guided tours of different kinds depending on the origin and interests of visitors.

Currently relocated in the northern yard, the Library opened its new facilities on 23 December 2011. It has recently included consultation services to other virtual newspaper and digital press libraries. The Library provides WiFi connection in all of its Rooms.

COLLECTIONS

Following the original purpose of its founders, this Library keeps press from all over the world, until the middle of the 20th century. Periodicals dating back to the time of its foundation (16th and 17th centuries: news accounts and summaries, etc. up to date). From 1966 on, the Library gathered, almost exclusively, press printed within the municipality of Madrid.

Among those, the collections from the first stages of the history of Spanish press are particularly important: newspapers from the 18th century, the Independence War and the Liberal Triennium, the reign of Isabel II, the Revolutionary Six-Year Period 1868-1873, the reign of Amadeo I and the First Spanish Republic.

The collections from the times of the Spanish Restoration and Second Republic are also large and complete. From the years of the Civil War, 1936-1939, the Library keeps a very important set of publications, some of them from the battle front.

Also worthy of mentioning are the collections of old Latin-American press, as well as old French and German press. There is also a remarkable amount of non-periodical paper documentation: edicts, proclamations, statements, etc.

The collection of reference works on old publications is also very interesting: yearbooks, historical documents, monographs, etc.

PUBLICATIONS ON SALE

With the aim of granting access to its collections and encouraging study and research projects, the Newspaper Library has developed a complete publications programme including, among others, three series: *General Catalogue*, *History of Press* and *Press Testimonies*.

SERVICES

CONSULTATION OF COLLECTIONS

First floor:

Microfilmed collections.

Catalogue search terminals.

Consultation of daily press printed in Madrid

Publications on paper.

Virtual newspaper libraries and digital press.

WiFi connection.

REPRODUCTION SERVICES

The Newspaper Library provides copies of its collections. The applicant undertakes to abide by the legislation in force on Intellectual Property matters. The Municipal Newspaper Library shall not be held liable in case of breach thereof.

- Photocopies: unbound recent publications.
- Request: please fill in the relevant form.
- State whether you want to receive it by mail.



- Collection: after 15 working days.
- In case of already microfilmed publications, a black and white copy is sent.
- Payment method: bank transfer in favour of 'Hemeroteca Municipal de Madrid'.
Orders with an elevated cost will have to be paid for in advance.
- Rates:
 - Recent unbound photocopies: € 0.10
 - For digital images:
 - Per image: € 1.84
- Users are offered the possibility to save materials on microfilm into their memory sticks for free at the Consultation Room.
- Likewise, users have the chance to make the desired reproduction by themselves using their own equipment to that end and without flash, provided the condition of the materials is good enough and provided the materials are not damaged during such handling. This operation must be requested beforehand by filling in the relevant form.

Contact

- Telephone: 91 4800622
- Email: nmicrofilm@madrid.es

LENDING SERVICES FOR EXHIBITIONS

Lending works for exhibitions is a way of contributing to a greater dissemination of the collections of the Madrid City Council.

Every loan of materials under the custody of cultural authorities of the Madrid City Council, reporting to the Directorate General for Libraries and Archives, is subject to the acceptance by the borrower of the lending terms aimed at ensuring an appropriate packaging, transport, installation, exhibition and protection of materials temporarily lent by municipal institutions.



GUIDED TOURS

Guided tours are addressed to different kinds of groups.

The Newspaper Library organises complementary cultural activities consisting of visitor services and guided tours of different types based on the origin and interests of visitors: adults, high school and university students, as well as professionals of the field of library and information science. Preferably in the afternoons and from October to June.

Please send us your request using the link to the right: "*Bibliotecas y Archivos. Petición de visita guiada*".

Types of visits:

- **Get to know** what a Newspaper Library is.

Groups of adults who have expressed their interest in taking a guided tour, or members of cultural associations, lifelong education associations, etc.

This activity is focused on getting to know the history and collections of the Library, the evolution of press, our website and our publications (Catalogues, Press Testimonies and History of Press).

- **Discover** the information available at the Library.

Visitors under 18 years old, in group visits previously agreed with education centres. These groups may perform a practical training of document consultation and search, also previously agreed and usually assisted by teachers of the relevant centre.

Educational activity addressed to high school students aimed at getting to know and performing searches in the collections of the Library. Are you a good detective? LET'S FIND OUT!

- **Broaden** your professional knowledge: how and for whom have we been working for more than a century.

Addressed at groups of students and professionals in the field of Library and Information Science.

- **Research** through the five centuries of periodicals we keep at the Library.

Groups of university students accompanied by a teacher who have expressed a specific interest in the visit based on their syllabus.

Activity aimed at using periodicals as a source of information and knowledge for research purposes. The Library offers the possibility to adapt the activities to the specific needs of the various fields of study.

ADDRESS

www.madrid.es/hemeroteca

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28015 MADRID

OPENING HOURS

From Monday to Friday, from 8.30. to 20.30. (last request at 20.15 at the latest)

August: from Monday to Friday, from 8.30 to 14.00.

Collection of reproductions: from Monday to Friday, from 9:00. to 14.00.

ACCESS

Library card for the Network of Municipal Public Libraries.

CONTACT

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ACCESSIBILITY

Magnetic Loop.

Special service for people with a hearing impairment.

TRANSPORT

Underground: San Bernardo, Ventura Rodríguez, Plaza España, Noviciado

Bus: 1, 2, 7, 21, 44, 74, 147, Circular, C03 y 002.