

•ONLINE RESOURCES•

The following databases (which can be searched separately or together) are available online:

- the library catalog
- the Italian Bibliography of the History of Science
- the International Galilean Bibliography
- the photo archive
- the archive of the Royal Museum of Physics and Natural History, the Congresses of Italian Scientists archive and other small-sized collections

Currently, ca. 230,000 bibliographic descriptions related to monographs, periodicals, miscellaneous works, journal articles, book reviews and also archival collections, series and files are available on the internet. In addition, more than 10,000 texts can be downloaded from the database.

To access these databases from outside the library, visit this website:

<http://biblioteca.imss.fi.it/index.html>

•NEWS•

The “Explore” column on the website <http://biblioteca.imss.fi.it/index.html> contains a list of the library’s latest acquisitions (updated every month) and new subscriptions. To join the Friends of the Library e-mail group and receive information on various events and changes at the library, write to this address: biblioteca@imss.fi.it.



•HOW TO REACH THE LIBRARY•

•Location

Palazzo Castellani, third floor (exit the elevator and turn right)

Piazza dei Giudici 1,
50122 Firenze

•By train

Santa Maria Novella or Campo di Marte stations

•By bus

From Santa Maria Novella train station, on foot (about 15 minutes) or take bus number 23 to the “Galleria degli Uffizi” stop (about 5 minutes).

From Campo di Marte train station, take bus number 13 to the “Corso dei Tintori” stop (around 5 minutes).

From Amerigo Vespucci Airport, Florence: bus number 62 to Santa Maria Novella train station

Mini-bus B line (from various stops throughout the historical center of Florence) to the “Uffizi” stop

•By car

Firenze Sud exit from the motorway

•By plane

Amerigo Vespucci Airport (Firenze - Peretola)

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OPENING HOURS

Mondays through Fridays: 9.00 a.m.-4.30 p.m.;

Saturdays: 9.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.



The library of the Institute and Museum of the History of Science, with holdings of over 110,000 works, an annual growth of about 2,000 acquisitions and subscriptions to over 250 periodicals, is a fundamental point of reference for those interested in the history of science and technology.

Particularly noteworthy are the antique collections, first among them the Medici-Lorraine Collection, which includes scientific texts collected over the course of the centuries by the two Tuscan dynasties.

Also of interest are the 19th-century holdings, focused principally on the physical-mathematical disciplines, and the special collections, which for the most part pertain to medicine and the natural sciences.

The archival holdings at the Library include a collection of manuscripts important both for the history of science in general and for that of Tuscany and Florence in particular. The most relevant group is from the Archive of the Royal Museum of Physics and Natural History of Florence.

Also of noteworthy importance are documents from the Archive of the Congress of Italian Scientists.



•ACCESS•

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- professors and researchers in possession of a document attesting to their professional position
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- students and degree candidates with a letter of recommendation from their professor
- collaborators of the Institute and Museum of the History of Science
- scholars who do not fit the above categories but can demonstrate a legitimate need to access the library collections for their studies and research.

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- manuscripts and archival materials
- drawings, prints, photographs and maps
- books in bad shape with regard to conservation, loose-leaf editions, pamphlets gathered in volumes, items with exceptional size
- microfilms and microfiches
- materials in use for ongoing projects at the IMSS
- works on hold for exams at the University of Florence (History of science) and works on hold for courses or seminars at the IMSS

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