

Online Catalogue

The Library's entire catalogue, including all bibliographic records from 1848 to present day, is available on line. Searches can also be conducted within various sections of the catalogue, such as periodicals, "grey literature" (material not commercially available), ancient works, electronic resources and special holdings.

With the creation of the Joint Parliamentary Library, it is now possible to simultaneously search current catalogues of both the Library of the Chamber and of the Senate (HYPERLINK "<http://opac>" [http://opac](http://opac.parlamento.it)" <http://opac.parlamento.it>).



TRUSS ROOM

The Library of the Chamber of Deputies was founded in Turin in 1848, after the proclamation of the Statute of the Kingdom of Sardinia. The original collection consisted of 8000 volumes, housed in *Palazzo Carignano*.

In 1865 when the Kingdom's capital was moved to Florence, the Library was transferred to *Palazzo Vecchio*. Only a few years later, the collection was moved to Rome, the newly declared capital of the Kingdom of Italy.

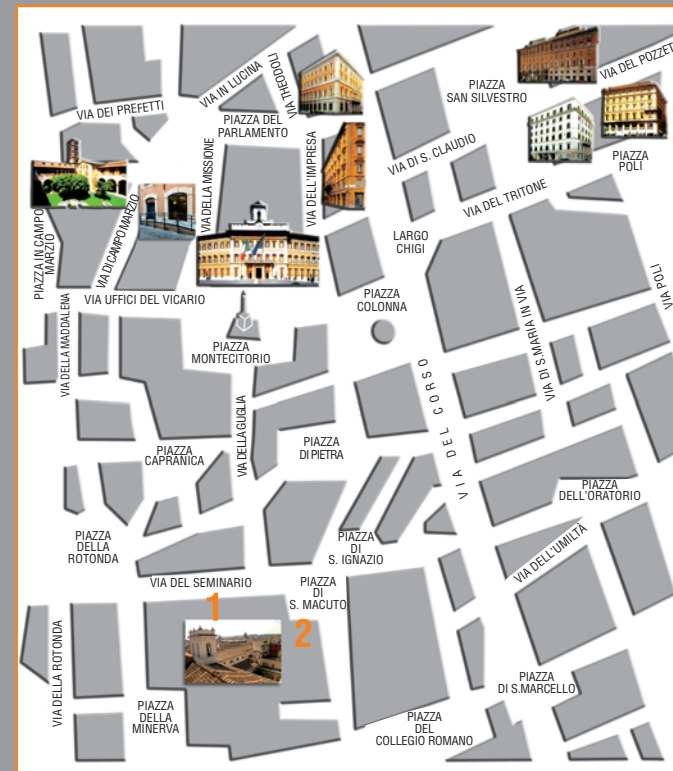
In 1871, with a collection of 22,000 volumes, the Library was transferred to *Palazzo Montecitorio*, where it remained until 1988, the year of its final transfer to the present location in *Palazzo del Seminario*.

Total collections and holdings of the Library consist of about 1,300,000 volumes. They have been developed primarily within the disciplinary fields of interest to parliamentary documentation: Italian and foreign law, history, political and social sciences and doctrines, and economics. Particular attention is also paid to legislative and parliamentary collections of foreign countries and the publications of international organizations.

The collections and holdings of the Library also comprise of antique and rare works (from the 15th to the 19th centuries). Among these and of particular relevance is the Kissner Collection, composed of about 2,000 books and engravings of Rome, published between the 16th and 19th centuries.



MONUMENTAL CORRIDOR



1 LIBRARY

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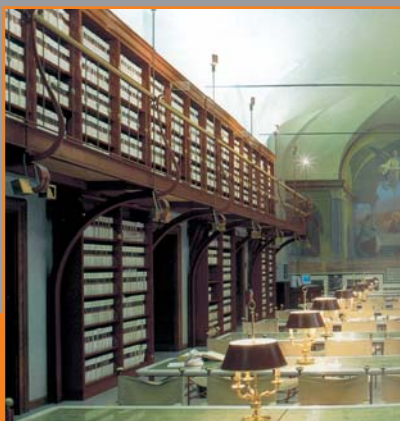
The Library of the Chamber of Deputies is specialized in the fields of law, economics, political science, history, and of the history of the State's institutions. It houses Italian legislative collections and parliamentary documents, as well as those of several foreign countries.

The Library carries out activities related to documentation, as well as bibliographic, legislative and jurisprudential research on a national, European and international level; all of this in support of parliamentary activities. It feeds input into bibliographical, parliamentary and legislative databases, and selects electronic resources and Internet sites of interest to Parliament.

The Library is open to the public and offers information and research services from 9:00 to 19:30, Monday to Friday, and from 9:00 to 12:30 on Saturdays. The Library is closed to the public during the month of August.

To access the Library, visitors must present a valid identification document at the time of registration and fill out an application form indicating the purpose of research.

In January of 2007 the Joint Library of Parliament was established, integrating the Library of the Chamber of Deputies with that of the Senate of the Republic. As a result, users can pass freely between the two Libraries – located in attached buildings – and utilize the services of both.



REFECTORY ROOM



GALILEO ROOM

Services available to the public:

- Directions for users regarding legislative research and Italian, European and foreign parliamentary documents.
- Assistance with bibliographic searches, catalogues, databases and CD-Roms.
- Internet access and assistance with searches for electronic resources on the Web.
- Use of portable PCs in designated workstations.
- Photocopy and photo reproduction services.
- Tutorials on the use of the Chamber of Deputies Internet site, and on legislative and juridical research with particular reference to electronic resources.

Other services:

It is possible to request legislative and parliamentary documents that are not available in other libraries in Italy or on the Internet.

Several reading rooms located on various floors within the Palazzo del Seminario are open to the public. These rooms are organized according to subject:

Ground Floor

Sala del Refettorio (Refectory Room):

Italian parliamentary documents from 1848 on.

Corridoio degli atti parlamentari (Parliamentary Documents Corridor):

Parliamentary documents and Italian legislative collections.

Sala accoglienza al pubblico (Public Reception Room):

General information and online catalogues.



INQUISITION ROOM

Second Floor

Corridoio monumentale (Monumental Corridor):

Encyclopedias, bibliographies, biographies.

Sala delle Capriate (Truss Room):

Works on Italian law and political science.

Sala Galileo (Galileo Room):

Works on general history and on modern and contemporary Italian history.

Sala E. Colombo (E. Colombo Room):

Editions from the 15th to the 17th century (holdings of the Chamber of Deputies and the Kissner Collection).

Sale dei discorsi parlamentari (Parliamentary Speech Rooms):

Parliamentary speeches, legislative collections.

Sala delle carte geografiche (Map Room):

Legislative collections.

Sale dell'Inquisizione (Inquisition Rooms):

International policy, academic documents, legislative collections preceding Italian Unity.

Reading rooms of the Senate Library can be reached from the second floor.

Fourth Floor

Sala di legislazione straniera (Foreign Legislation Room):

Foreign legislative collections and parliamentary documents; EU and international law.

Emeroteca (Newspaper Library):

Following the establishment of the Joint Parliamentary Library, the newspaper library and newspaper research services are managed by the Senate Library.

Fifth Floor

Sala periodici (Periodical Room):

2000 current journals; issues of the current year are available in the Room.

Following the establishment of the Joint Parliamentary Library, services related to consultation and searching of periodicals are managed by the Library of the Chamber of Deputies.

Collections in the reading rooms are located on open shelves, directly accessible to users. Online catalogues and the Internet are available, as well as multiple electronic resources, including: CD-ROMs, DVDs, databases, online information services and electronic periodicals. Library personnel are available for information and consultation assistance.



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