



The *Athenaeum* room



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open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Apart from the reading room, the library makes other rooms available for shows, exhibitions, seminars and meetings.

On request, you can visit the historical rooms and enjoy their suggestive atmosphere.

In the old courtyard of the University of Turin, in via Po 17, near Piazza Castello, there is a library which brings together past and present.

There you can find books on Philosophy, Art, Literature and Communication. And also Philology, Linguistics, History and Journalism: plentiful bibliographical material from the XIXth and XXth centuries, works published in France, Great Britain, Spain and Germany, rare editions and texts from the XVIth, XVIIth and XVIIIth centuries. Most of the books out of copyright have been scanned and are available in the Library's dedicated catalogue.

Plenty of room to read and study, consultation *in loco* and one month loaning, online access to data banks and academic journals: an ongoing history dating back 1720, always matching new technologies with personal care.

The seminar room



on the front cover: the old library rooms (©AndreaGuermani)  
inside photo: the reading room (©AndreaGuermani)



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## A open university library

### History

**1720** - "A large and distinguished library for both the students and the general public" reads the Royal Constitution written on 25 October 1720. It is the Library in the main buildings of the University of Turin, built by King Vittorio Amedeo II.

**1876** - It is the only academic library to be appointed University National Library, having an important manuscript and printed collection and offering a multidisciplinary and wide cultural spectrum.

**1904** - A major fire damages the book collection.

**1942** - Further damage caused by bombs.

**1973** - The remaining library collections are moved in a building in Piazza Carlo Alberto, where the University National Library is today.

**1980-2000's** - The Faculty of Literature and Philosophy provides new collections of books and journals which include Literature, History, Philosophy and Philology, Art and Journalism, enriched by archival collections which belonged to professors and erudite people from and outside the Athenaeum. Among these: Arturo Graf, Augusto Rostagni, Matteo Giulio Bartoli, Arturo Farinelli, Piero Martinetti, Benedetto Parini Chirio, Emanuele Artom, Annibale Pastore, Pasquale D'Ercole are the older collections, while the more recent ones were donated by Paolo Murialdi, Franco Carrata Thomes, Lionello Sozzi and Arnaldo Pizzorusso.

**From 2015 on** - It is now the Athenaeum Historical Library, with a heritage of 200.000 books and 520 journal titles.

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### Services

- A large and welcoming reading and studying room, with 60 seats equipped with electric sockets
- Computers available for research and internet access
- Wi-fi connected to the University net
- Reference services *in loco*, via e-mail and via chat
- Assisted bibliographical researches for graduate students and available for any other kind of necessity and demand
- Book and journal consultation (including data banks and online journals)
- Direct consultation of ancient texts previously scanned
- Loaning of books, also requested from other Italian libraries
- Document delivery - articles or book chapters - requested from other Italian Libraries
- Guided visits to the old library rooms



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