



**St John's College Library**

**SUBJECT GUIDE:**  
**MODERN AND**  
**MEDIEVAL**  
**LANGUAGES**

## Resources for Modern and Medieval Languages

### 1. Books

Books on language and literature are classified at P in the main Penrose section on the First floor.

A broad outline of the arrangement of the language and literature section follows:

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| PC 2001- | French language               |
| PQ 1-    | French literature             |
| PF 3001- | German language               |
| PT 1-    | German literature             |
| PC 1001- | Italian language              |
| PQ 4001- | Italian literature            |
| P 1-     | Language (general)            |
| PC 5001- | Portuguese language           |
| PQ 9001- | Portuguese literature         |
| PG 2001- | Russian language & literature |
| PC 4001- | Spanish language              |
| PQ 6001- | Spanish literature            |

*Dictionaries are located in the Reference section on the Ground floor.*

### 2. Journals

All of the Library's journal holdings, listed by subject, are available via the website:

[www.joh.cam.ac.uk/journals](http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/journals)

The Library takes several journals of interest to those studying languages and literature.

|  | <i>Classmark</i>        | <i> Holding</i>   |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Magazine litteraire</i>                               | Ground floor            | Last 3 years only |
| <i>Medium aevum</i>                                      | PN 661.M4 (First floor) | Vol.1- (1932-)    |
| <i>Modern language review</i>                            | PN 1.M6 (First floor)   | Vol.1- (1905-)    |
|  | MOD                     |                   |
| <i>Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society</i> | PA 11.C3.P7             | No.1- (1882-)     |

The foreign language newspapers *La Repubblica* and *Le Monde* are passed on to the Library from the Combination Room.

Ejournals can be searched via [eresources@cambridge](mailto:eresources@cambridge) (see below for more information).

### **3. *Audiovisual materials (AV Room, First floor)***

The Library has a growing collection of Audiovisual materials, for example:

Foreign films on video and DVD

Language aids and literature on cassette and compact disc

A few literary works are also available on CD-ROM.

Facilities are available in this room for viewing films and listening to CDs and cassettes for study purposes. AV materials may be borrowed for one week, and renewed once.

All AV materials are on the Library catalogue and may be found using the standard author and title searches. A separate printed listing of AV items is located in the AV Room and at the Issue Desk.

### **4. *Electronic resources***

The Library Gateway provides a complete guide to electronic resources available across the University:

[www.lib.cam.ac.uk/eresources/index.php](http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/eresources/index.php)

Select 'Modern languages and literatures' from the drop-down menu. Key resources include:

European Library

International Medieval Bibliography

Literature Online (LION)

MLA International Bibliography

MUSE (Project MUSE)

Oxford Language Dictionaries

The MML Faculty website also lists links to online language and literature resources on the internet:

[www.mml.cam.ac.uk/library](http://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/library)

*Note: A Raven password is required for online access off-campus*

## **Recommendations**

The College Library aims to provide all works necessary for Part One courses, and a selection of the most important works required for Part Two. We receive reading lists from the departmental libraries in advance of each academic year, and continually update the Library collections in response to requests from Directors of Studies, supervisors, and students. If texts you require for your course are not available in the College Library, please talk to a member of Library staff. Recommendation cards for new purchases can be found at the Issue Desk, and all reasonable requests will be considered.

## **Help**

**If you have any difficulty in tracing the material you need, whether in printed or electronic format, please ask a member of Library staff for assistance.**