

HERITAGE

The library of the Historical Institute has collected over time, through acquisitions, donations and conventions, particularly rich material, which has become a regional point of reference for research.

In fact, more than 35,000 volumes of contemporary history constitute the Institute's substantial library heritage.

The library is structured in areas of interest related to the history of Italy and the European countries of the twentieth century and pays particular attention to the local history section; it also offers to the public, especially to scholars and researchers, the possibility of consulting publications and editions that are difficult to find.

Among the most important funds, of considerable interest is that of the Institute of popular culture "Lodovico Ferrarini" which collects about 4500 books and a hundred magazines, many of which were published in the first half of the twentieth century and related to the history of Fascism and the Italian Social Republic.

Also important are the libraries of the CGIL (Italian General Confederation of Labour) and the federation of the Modena PCI (Italian Communist Party), as well as some donations from private individuals.

A section of the library is reserved for the degree theses, which represent an interesting background to be able to understand the different themes addressed by university studies in the last thirty years and which often constitute a useful source, although little consulted, for a greater knowledge of certain aspects of local society; another area, aimed primarily at meeting the demands of teachers, is reserved for the teaching of history.

The computerised list of the text kept in the library of the Historical Institute can be consulted by accessing the unique Modena catalogue. The database makes it possible to cross-search other libraries in Modena and the most important national collections, including university collections.

The Historical Institute makes available to the public a personalised consulting service of a bibliographical and documentary nature, with particular reference to the Italian history of the twentieth century; moreover, the interlibrary loan service has been active for several years, through which users can request the sending texts stored in other libraries.

The newspaper library

This section has about 900 newspapers and periodicals, current and ceased. Among the most important collections are the Gazzetta dell'Emilia from 1920 to 1960, several newspapers of the Fascist period and the political periodicals published in Modena after World War II. In the newspaper library there are also all the major contemporary history magazines published in Italy.

Important is the collection, unique in the province of Modena, of all the journals published by the network of historical institutes of the Resistance, and a large part of those of historical nature published in Italy.

The online consultation of the titles owned by the Historical Institute can take place through two computerised catalogue, ESSPER and ACNP.

The ESSPER is the catalogue of Italian periodicals specialised in social sciences, economics, law and history, promoted by the Library "Mario Rostoni" of Carlo Cattaneo University - LIUC and supported by voluntary cooperation between different libraries. Since 2004, Insmli has been collaborating with the ESSPER Association for the screening of Italian and foreign periodicals and contemporary history.

The ACNP is a catalogue that was born in the 70s on the initiative of ISRDS-CNR (Institute of socio-economic studies on innovation and research policies) and contains bibliographic descriptions of periodicals owned by libraries located throughout the country and covers all subject areas.

FUNDS

Since its origins in 1950, the Modena Historical Institute has considered the collection of both archival and library documentation to be an essential task. The library was then born and developed with purchases and gifts, between problems of space and staff, economic difficulties, progressive opening to a large audience. The awareness of working in a multiple context is constant: relations with other historical Institutes at the national level and above all a strong relationship with the local library reality, in search of consistency, specificity, common visions.

Recently Meris Bellei, former head of the Library System of the Municipality of Modena, has deepened on E-Review the history of the Library of the Historical Institute of Modena from the origins to the eighties.

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The library of the Historical Institute is part of the network of public and private libraries in the province of Modena. A few years ago, the Institute promoted the creation of a Guide to contemporary history collections in the libraries of Modena, also involving the libraries of the Faculty of Economics Sebastiano Brusco, Estense University, Civica Delfini, the foundation of Collegio San Carlo, the Francesco Luigi Ferrari cultural centre, Centro Documentazione donna, National archive of Modena and the Luigi Poletti civic school.

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Materials are also available on some funds donated to the Institute:

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FORMS

Access to the ‘Antonio Ferrari’ Library of the Historical Institute of Modena is free and is possible during the opening hours of the Institute.

From Monday to Thursday 9.00-13.00, Tuesday and Thursday also 15.00-19.00, July from Monday to Thursday 9.00-At 1 pm, closed in August.

The study room has ten seats for on-site consultations. The loan to home and interlibrary is allowed in the modalities and limits fixed by the regulation of the library.

In addition to personal and interlibrary loans, you can consult in the study room “Angela Benassi” of the Institute.

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The library accept books donation from privates or organisation. Here the forms for the donations:

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