

LIBRARY OF HISTORY – UNIVERSITY OF PADUA

A LIBRARY TOUR



Welcome to the Library of History!

It is a university library, but it is open to everybody; here you can find a large collection of books and journals regarding:

- medieval, modern and contemporary history
- local history, especially history of Padua and Venice
- history of religions and ancient Christian literature
- other subjects, such as palaeography, librarianship, archival science.

The library buys the handbooks and texts recommended for all history university courses.

The library is inside an ancient building, Palazzo Luzzatto Dina, restored in 2000.

There are 3 levels: the entrance is located at level 2, as well as the reference rooms. At the entrance, in room N, you can see the enquiry desk, where you can obtain all the information about the library and its services.

In room N there are also two workstations to search GalileoDiscovery, a discovery service for searching books, articles, journals and many other resources. It is very easy to use, but the library staff will be happy to answer all your questions anyway!

The reference rooms are six and there are 104 seats; some of them (in Room Lanaro) are reserved to Padua University scholars and professors.

In these rooms the library keeps a complete reference collection: bibliographies, encyclopaedias, dictionaries, biographies and the most important history handbooks.

You can find the latest periodicals issues in room Lanaro.

Inside the library there are 4 workstations to access the University electronic resources and the Internet; you can also use the Eduroam WIFI network.

At **level 3** there are the staff offices and a small part of the collection: the ancient books (printed before 1830) and the large size books.

Access to level 3 is reserved to staff only.

Levels 0 and 1 are stores; in particular, journals are kept at level 0. At level 0 there are also two self-service photocopy machines.

The largest part of the collection is on an open shelf, so you can pick up the books by yourself: you should first search GalileoDiscovery, and when you find the shelf mark, you can take a look at the map of the shelfmarks locations or ask the library staff: they will tell you in which room you can find the book.

When you've finished consulting the books, you will simply have to leave them on the tables... the staff will put them back on the shelves.