

Online resources

The following databases (which can be searched separately or together) are available online:

- the library catalog
- the archive (the search may also be launched from within specific collections)
- the photo archive
- the Italian Bibliography of the History of Science
- the International Galilean Bibliography
- the cumulative database (about 260,000 records) includes - besides the above mentioned items - the catalogue of the instruments of Museo Galileo, as well as the description of those archival collections and documents that, even if not owned by the library, are of particularly interest in the area of the history of science

More than 12,000 works and documents are also available in digital format.

To access these databases from outside the library, visit this webpage:

www.museogalileo.it/en/cumulativedatabase.html

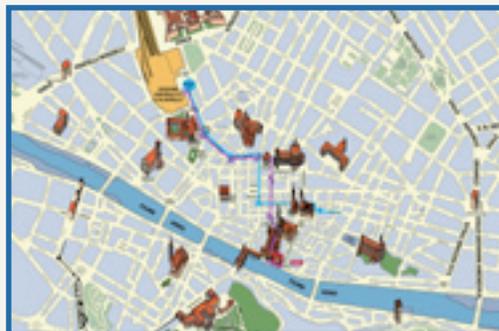
News

The news bulletin and a list of the latest acquisitions are available at:

www.museogalileo.it/en/news.html

To join the Friends of the Library e-mail group and receive information on various events and changes at the library, write to this address:

biblioteca@museogalileo.it



How to reach the Library

Location:

Palazzo Castellani, third floor
(exit the elevator and turn right)
Piazza dei Giudici 1 - 50122 Firenze

By train:

Stop at Santa Maria Novella central station. The Museum can be reached on foot in about 15 minutes.

By bus :

From Santa Maria Novella train station, you can get to the Museum on foot or by bus. Take mini-bus line C2 (5 minutes to the Museum).

By car :

Leave the A1 highway at exit Firenze Sud.

By plane :

Landing at Amerigo Vespucci Airport in Florence. There is a shuttle service called VOLA IN BUS, which will take you up to the main station Santa Maria Novella, where you can either take a bus or walk to the museum



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OPENING HOURS

Mondays through Fridays:

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.;

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



The library houses about 130,000 works concerning the history of science. The antique book collection, consisting of nearly 5,000 works, is supplemented by several 19th-century collections as well as a modern collection which has an annual growth of about 1,800 new acquisitions. The library is also home to an interesting historical photo archive and several 18th to 20th century archival collections.

All of the library's material can be searched on the on-line catalogue. In the case of some miscellaneous volumes and journals, the single articles and essays have been individually catalogued. The arrangement and description of the archival material and the photographic collection are still in progress. More than 12,000 documents are available in digital format.

Among the highlighted activities of the library are the compiling of bibliographies and the cataloguing of documents related to the history of science, even those not part of the library's collection. In order to allow the integrated consultation of all the Institute collections, the cumulative database of the library also hosts the catalogue of the Museum's scientific instruments and the current digital photo archive which is still being uploaded.



Access

An access pass is issued on-site to:

- professors and researchers in possession of a document attesting to their professional position
- fellowship holders and doctoral candidates with a certification from their university, the CNR or analogous institution
- students and degree candidates with a letter of recommendation from their professor
- collaborators of the Museo Galileo
- scholars who do not fit the above categories but can demonstrate a legitimate need to access the library collections for their studies and research

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Distribution: Mondays through Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Materials stored in the off-site warehouse are delivered the day after they are requested.

To reserve library books, please fill in the form available at:

www.museogalileo.it/en/bookreservation.html



Loans

Loans are permitted for those access card holders who are either Italian citizens or who currently live in Italy. They may borrow a maximum of 5 books for a duration of 30 days (renewable for another 15 days upon request).

The following works are excluded from the loan policy:

- works from the reference and the periodical rooms
- works published before 1900
- works received through bequests or deposits, with the condition that they have to be consulted on-site
- master's theses
- manuscripts and archival materials
- drawings, prints, photographs and maps
- books in bad shape with regard to conservation, loose-leaf editions, pamphlets gathered in volumes, items with exceptional size
- microfilms and microfiches
- materials in use for ongoing projects at the Museo Galileo
- works on hold for exams at the University of Florence (History of science) and works on hold for courses or seminars at the Museo Galileo

Reproductions

Users are not allowed to **photocopy** on-site. A short loan is permitted for off-site photocopies. The following works are excluded from photocopying:

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