



Global philatelic library

Biblioteca filatelica universale



Royal Philatelic Society London



American Philatelic Research Library



National Postal Museum at the Smithsonian



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Founding Libraries



The Royal Philatelic Society London
(900,000 entries)



The American Philatelic Research
Library (300,000 entries)



Smithsonian Libraries National
Postal Museum (40,000 entries)

About the Library

The Global Philatelic Library is an initiative to provide a consolidated listing of philatelic publications, archives, museum items etc. held by libraries.

So far 27 libraries have contributed their listings.

By clicking on the APRL or RPSL library logos to the left you will be redirected to the 'union catalogues' developed by those organisations to hold copies of holdings for several libraries. Eventually, a free-standing search function / database will be provided.

Not all libraries are held in both databases - see [contributing libraries](#) page for more details.



The Catalogue of the Crawford Library of Philatelic Literature at the British Library.

Click the British Library logo to search the index.

Launched 30 May at NY 2016 show.

[Click here](#) for more information.

News

We are delighted to report that the Global Philatelic Library website was awarded a Gold Medal at the 2014 IPHLA literature exhibition in Germany.

The following libraries have joined recently:

- May 2016 - Finland Postal Museum
- 2015 - The British Library (UK) list allows people to see the index to the fabulous Crawford Library which contains many rare or unique items.
- 2015 - The Kohler Library (Germany).
- 2015 - The Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History
- 2015 - The Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library



APRL Philatelic Center

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Contributing Philatelic Research Libraries

Royal Philatelic Society
Victoria
(Australia)





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Library (click to go to web site)	Database (records, where held)	About
	<p>537,000 <u>RPSL</u> plus 419,000 from all the other GPL libraries</p>	<p align="center">RPSL - (UK, London)</p> <p>The Database holds the following information available for searching / viewing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The London Philatelist - from 1892 to date with 22,500 index entries. • Meeting Displays - 800 handouts from displays at the Society going back to 1918. • Library Books - 15,400. • Books and eBooks indexes - 20,000, a growing portfolio of indexes to RPSL and other books, including the De La Rue collection, recently digitised. • Journals - 2,400 different titles. • Journal Indexes - 169 societies have contributed their cumulative indexes with 446,000 entries (click here for list) • Auction Catalogues - Details of all auctions undertaken by the major auction houses are being entered, over 18,000 so far. <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Philatelic Libraries - this section of the database includes over 400,000 entries detailing publications held in other libraries and article indexes contributed by diverse sources. All APRL union catalog records are included in this database
	<p>30,000 <u>APRL</u> plus 270,000 from other libraries</p>	<p align="center">American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) - (USA, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania)</p> <p>The American Philatelic Research Library has one of the world's largest and most accessible collections of philatelic literature. Its nearly three miles of shelving contain more than 21,000 book titles and 5,700 journal titles.</p> <p>The APRL hosts the online Philatelic Union Catalog, which allows you to search the holdings of multiple philatelic libraries simultaneously. Collections currently searchable in the union catalog include the holdings of seven libraries plus a database of journal article references - 89,000 book and journal records and 180,000 article records. http://stamps.org/Union-Catalog-About#APRL</p> <p>The union catalog libraries are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) • Collectors Club of Chicago (CCC) • Collectors Club of New York (CCNY) • Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library (Greene) • Northwest Philatelic Library (NWPL) • Postal History Foundation, • Peggy J. Slusser Memorial Philatelic Library (PHF) • Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library (RMPL) • Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) • Roger G. Schnell Library of the Scandinavian Collectors Club (SCC) • Smithsonian Libraries - National Postal Museum (SIL-NPM) • Western Philatelic Library (WPL) • Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library (WPRL). <p>The majority of article records come from PHILINDEX compiled by Gene Fricks.</p>
	<p>14,400 <u>APRL</u> <u>RPSL</u> 40,000</p>	<p align="center">Smithsonian Libraries NPM (SNPM) - (USA, Washington, DC)</p> <p>The National Postal Museum (NPM) Library is one of the largest and most important philatelic and postal history libraries in the world. The Library's collection of monographs on philately and postal history is nearly complete, with particular emphasis on those in the English language and those of special importance. The NPM Library contains long runs of all the major American philatelic journals and most of the major journals published elsewhere.</p> <p>The NPM Library contains material from several important private libraries acquired over the past century including those of Thaddeus Hyatt, Frederick Melville, and George Turner. Special collections include: Files of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Aerial Mail Service, Highway Post Office, Panama Canal Zone Post Office, and the Railway Mail Service. Special groups of material worth noting include philatelic "small journals" -</p>

Collectors Club (New York) (CCNY) - (USA, New York)



7,500

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The Collectors Club Library is located in the clubhouse at 22 East 35th Street in New York City. It is centrally located and is generally open to the public on weekdays. Call in advance to verify opening hours.
A reading room on the first floor contains current catalogs and periodicals and approximately 6,000 philatelic handbooks. Tens of thousands of periodical numbers are stored in a basement room. Upstairs rooms house rare book collections, and auction and exhibition catalogs.
The library's collection includes the personal library of H.V. Suppantshitsch, many unique items from the library of J.K. Tiffany, philatelic literature from E.B. Sterling, T.E. Steinway and others, and the extensive collection of some 1,400 bound volumes from Joseph S. Rich. Additions to the library are made on a regular basis through donation and purchase to ensure that key philatelic resources are available as they are published.

Fédération Royale des Cercles Philatéliques de Belgique (FRCPB) - (Belgique)



6,800

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La Fédération Royale des Cercles Philatéliques de Belgique est une fédération nationale regroupant plus de 275 clubs philatéliques et comptant +/- 12.000 membres (connus). Outre les associations régionales et locales, des associations spécialisées sont également membres de la F.R.C.P.B. La F.R.C.P.B. est membre de la FEPA (Federation of European Philatelic Associations), l'organisme européen regroupant les diverses fédérations nationales européennes et qui elle-même leur province.

Finland Postal Museum (Suomi)

POSTIMUSEO

26,948

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Located at Vapriikki Museum Centre in Tampere. The Postal Museum collections and archive contain a huge database which is available to our customers. Our information services offer answers to questions concerning postal history and philately. A group visit to the Postal Museum is an enlightening experience.

Great Britain Philatelic Society (UK)



700

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The GBPS was founded in 1955 by a small but enthusiastic group of collectors in order to promote, encourage, and contribute to the advancement of the philately of Great Britain. Since then it has grown steadily, and now has more than 700 members in the UK and abroad. The Society deals with all aspects of GB philately, and has contributed much to the field; this is certain to continue as new members with fresh ideas join.

Greene Foundation (Canada, Toronto)



5,500

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Named after notable Canadian philatelist, Harry Sutherland, QC, RDP, FRPSC, Hon. FRPSL who took an interest in the development of the library for more than twenty-five years, the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library of the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation in Toronto has three main objectives.
The first is to provide a home for a comprehensive library of British North America (BNA) materials. The second is to maintain an expertizing library in support of the Greene's IAEP and BNA expertizing mandate. The third is to support the basic philatelic research needs of the philatelic community of Greater Toronto.
The library also maintains a BNA philatelic research centre containing institutional and personal archives, photographs, papers and three dimensional artefacts on the stamps and postal history of BNA and the history of philately.
The HSPL does not provide an interlibrary loan service and is currently open by appointment Monday to Thursday (except official holidays) from 10 to 4. Appointments can be made by calling +1 (416) 921-2073.

Heinrich Köhler (Kohl) - (Deutschland, Frankfurt)



4,000

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PHILA

The Heinrich Koehler PHILA library

On 3 December 2008 Reiner Wyszomirski, First Chairman of the Association for Philately 1878 e.V. Frankfurt am Main, and Dieter Michelson, C.E.O. of Heinrich Koehler Auction house GmbH & C. KG, signed an agreement to strengthen cooperation between the Philatelic Library of the Frankfurt Collectors' Association and Heinrich Koehler.

Die von unserem Verein ehrenamtlich geführte "PHILA-Bibliothek Heinrich Köhler" ist neben "München und Hamburg" eine der drei großen philatelistischen Fachbibliotheken in Deutschland. Sie bietet für alle neben der Recherche vor Ort auch die Möglichkeit zur Fernausleihe.

Desweiteren dient Sie als Veranstaltungsraum für mehrere Vereine und Arbeitsgemeinschaften und ist somit ein "KLEINES HAUS der PHILATELIE" im Rhein-Main-Gebiet

Koninklijke Nederlandse Bond van Filatelisten-verenigingen (KNBF) - (Nederland, Utrecht)



27,100

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Nationally, the KNBF divided into several regions, each with its own board, which can coordinate various issues of common interest for the associations in the region, such as exhibitions, courses for philatelic education etc. The KNBF wants the connecting factor between associations, their members and other stakeholders