Instrument of International Understanding
Collections
Access to reliable and relevant information is fundamental to human development and plays a key role in economic and social growth.

The UNOG Library offers more than sixty databases and tens of thousands of e-journals and e-books, accessible from all public computers at the Library. Most of these resources can also be accessed from staff offices and on any device connected to the UNOG Wi-Fi.

The paper collections comprise books and serials covering all working areas of the United Nations and an exhaustive collection of UN documentation in all official languages since 1946.

Research Tools

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The Library has developed a set of research tools to facilitate discovery of relevant information:

Global Search
The quickest way to find electronic and print information from the Library’s collections, and the easiest way to discover additional materials from external resources.

Research Guides
Curated by the Library, these guides point researchers to key UN documents and other resources by topic.
Library Access
The Library is open to UN staff members, staff of the Permanent Missions, and to all interested researchers. More information about access and registration can be found on the Library’s website.

Book Loans and Consultations
Most books from the Library’s collections can be requested through “Global Search” or at the Loans Desk.

UN staff members and representatives of the Permanent Missions may borrow material; other researchers may request a table assignment for consultation of materials at the Library.

Interlibrary Loan and Purchase-on-demand
If items needed for research are not found in the UNOG Library’s collections, UN staff members and representatives of Permanent Missions are invited to propose new titles for the Library to acquire or to request that the Library obtain the material on interlibrary loan.

Research Assistance
Ensuring that every person receives the information they need with the highest level of service is a vital part of the Library’s mission. Library staff help researchers to quickly find and obtain reliable and relevant resources.

Training and Coaching
Library staff offer hands-on introductions to collections, services, and tools.

The Library also provides tailored group trainings and individual coaching sessions to UN staff members and representatives of Permanent Missions.

Librarians often work closely with project teams, providing guidance on specific information strategies and sources to support their work.
**Reading Rooms**

Attractive and comfortable spaces to work with the Library’s extensive reference collections.

**Library Events Room**

Multipurpose space seating 130 participants.

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**First Floor**

- UN and Specialized Agencies B.127
- Welcome Desk Loans Registration B.133
- Events Room B.135
- Diplomatic Cyberspace B.127

**Third Floor**

- Legal and Political Questions B.358
- Economic, Social and Statistics Questions B.352
- Periodicals Newspapers B.348
- Archives Reading Room B.340
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Guided Tours

Guided visits offer the chance to discover the Library’s history, architecture, and services. Tours of the Library, the Archives and the Museum are organized on demand. Guided visits can be adapted to your needs and interests. They last 45 to 90 minutes and are available in English, French, Spanish, or Russian.

Library Talks

The Library Talks series provides an effective forum for intellectual and academic exchange, catalysing discussion and debate between the Organization, Member States and civil society. Open to the public, the Library Talks serve as a vehicle for raising awareness and generating discussion of United Nations issues. Announcements of upcoming Library Talks can be found on the Library’s website.
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