

THE
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LIBRARY

A GUIDE TO:

MODERN GREEK
COLLECTION

Scope of the Collection

From its foundation the Library has collected books covering a wide range of subjects for those interested in the history, literature, art, culture, religion and topography of modern Greece, both in Greek and in translation.

In 2007, a large donation of modern Greek books was presented to the Library, greatly strengthening our holdings, particularly in 19th and 20th century Greek literary works in the original language.

The member of staff in charge of the modern Greek collections is Dimitrios Fragkos; he can be contacted in the Cataloguing Room via Reader Services, or by email at: dimitrios.fragkos@londonlibrary.co.uk.

Suggestions for new purchases are welcome.

1. Literature & Literary Criticism

Works of literature in the Greek collections are mainly shelved on the 4th Floor (take the lift to the 3rd Floor, then the small staircases within the Literature stacks of the old building).

L. Greek (Modern).

This covers all Greek literature written since the fall of the Byzantine Empire in 1453. (Any Greek works from the periods before that date, including all classical Greek literature, can be found at the neighbouring shelfmarks L. Greek & Latin Texts & Commentaries and L. Greek & Latin Lit., Translations.)

The collection comprises a growing range of works of modern Greek fiction, poetry, drama and literary criticism. The great majority are in the original language, but also included here are works of modern Greek poetry and drama translated into English, together with a smaller number translated into French. All translations into English of modern Greek fiction (novels and volumes of short stories) are shelved in the Library's general **Fiction** section, on the 2nd Floor, which is arranged in one alphabetical sequence by author.

Within the L. Greek (Modern) sequence, specific works of **literary criticism** on individual authors are included alongside volumes of their works. Wider-ranging works covering the history and criticism of modern Greek literature are also included at this shelfmark.

2. History & Topography

In the History section of the Library, located on Levels 2, 3 & 4 of the rear stacks, the history of modern Greece is differentiated from the history of ancient Greece by having its own shelfmark:

H. Greece (Modern)

Included here is a wide range of works on the social, political, economic and military history of Greece from the 18th century onwards, predominantly in English.

There are also several other shelfmarks in the History stacks covering the history of specific related regions:

H. Crete

H. Cyprus

H. Ionian Islands

H. Macedonia

Each can be found in its respective alphabetic position.

In addition, there is a separate shelfmark covering material on the 'Thirty Days' Greco-Turkish War of 1897:

H. Greco-Turkish War

Again, this can be found in its alphabetic position (ie preceding H. Greece (Ancient)).

Works of travel literature and books on the topography and geography of Greece are shelved in the Topography section of the Library, located on Level 1 of the rear stacks. Again, the great majority of works are in English. The main collection can be found at the shelfmark:

T. Greece

There are also several separate shelfmarks, each in its alphabetic position within the Topography section, covering material on specific related regions:

T. Crete

T. Cyprus

T. Ionian Islands

T. Macedonia

T. Patmos

T. Rhodes

NB In both the History and Topography collections there are substantial separate sequences for larger-format books, eg:

H. Greece (Modern), 4to.

H. Greece (Modern), folio

T. Greece, 4to.

T. Greece, folio

The stack-boards at the end of each row will help you to locate these oversize sections.

It is also *always* advisable to use the subject keyword option of the Library's online catalogue and the printed Subject Indexes covering earlier material, both of which complement the broad subject classifications of the shelving arrangements with far more detailed subject breakdowns (the online catalogue uses the widely adopted 'Library of Congress Subject Headings' for its subject searching).

Guidebooks

A collection of historic and modern guidebooks to Greece can be found in the gallery above the Circulation Desk in the main Issue Hall.