

THE
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LIBRARY

A GUIDE TO THE:
PSYCHOLOGY
COLLECTION

Scope of the Collection

The Library's psychology collection contains approximately 3000 volumes. These include theoretical works, material on the history of the subject, and biographies. The collection covers the main branches of psychology, including social, cognitive, comparative and child psychology. Also represented in the Library's holdings are theories such as psychoanalysis, and interdisciplinary fields including the psychology of religion, war-related trauma (shellshock), and parapsychology.

Most material is in English but German, French and Russian are also represented.

Shelving Arrangements

The majority of the collection is shelved at S. Psychology, although there is a separate shelfmark for comparative psychology, S. Psychology (Animal). Material within the two shelfmarks is arranged on the shelves in single alphabetical sequences, not subdivided by geographical area or topic.

The S. Psychology and S. Psychology (Animal) shelfmarks are sub-divisions of the Library's Science & Miscellaneous classification. The sequence begins on Level 5, running up to S. Psychology, Jung and continues on Level 6 from S. Psychology, K. Oversize books designated as 'quarto' (4to.) in the Library's catalogues will be found in the section of the Science & Misc., 4to. sequence on Level 5, at the shelfmarks S. Psychology, 4to. and S. Psychology (Animal), 4to.

Relevant material in related subjects may also be located at a number of additional shelfmarks, so it is always worth consulting the printed and computer subject indexes. Interdisciplinary works on the relationship between psychology and other disciplines are often located in the relevant areas, e.g. A. Art for books on the psychology of art, Literature for literary criticism, and Philology (Gen.) for material on the psychology of language.

Shelfmarks

The following relevant shelfmarks are all located in the main Science & Misc. section on Level 4 unless otherwise stated. Please note also the two separate sequences for oversize books: Science & Misc., 4to. (Level 4) and Science & Misc., folio (Level 1).

Child/developmental psychology

- S. Children
- S. Education

Perception

- S. Optics & Light

Criminal psychology

S. Crime

Shellshock

S. Military Medicine

S. War & Peace

Psychoanalysis

S. Dreams

S. Hysteria

Parapsychology

S. Hypnotism

S. Occult Sciences

R. Spiritualism (Religion: 5th Floor)

Others

S. Computers

S. Ethnology

S. Evolution

S. Fear

S. Genius

S. Heredity

S. Insanity

S. Laughter

S. Love

S. Memory

S. Pleasure

S. Psychology (Basement, Rolling Cases)

S. Psychology, Animal (Basement, Rolling Cases)

S. Sex

S. Sleep

S. Social Science (Basement, Rolling Cases)

S. War & Peace

Psychoanalysis

A good collection on the history of psychoanalysis is possessed. Most books are shelved in S. Psychology (Basement, Rolling Cases) but relevant material can also be found at S. Dreams, S. Hypnotism and S. Hysteria (Level 4). The 24-volume *Standard edition of the works of Sigmund Freud* (Hogarth Press, 1953-1974) is located in S. Psychology; correspondence of Freud and biographies of him and other psychoanalysts are shelved in the Biography section on the 3rd and 4th Floors.

Shellshock

The Library holds a considerable amount of material on shellshock and war-related trauma, particularly that relating to the First World War, is particularly strong. Works on individual conflicts are shelved with historical material on these conflicts, e.g. H. European War I (Level 3), H. European War II (2nd Floor). More general works can be found in S. War & Peace and S. Military Medicine (Level 4). In the catalogue subject indexes refer to 'War, Psychological Aspects'.

Psychology of religion

Works on the psychology of religion are located at R. Religion & Philosophy of Religion (5th Floor). The focus of these is Christianity but material on other religions, including Buddhism, is held. In the subject indexes refer to 'Psychology, Religious'.

Parapsychology and psychical research

There is a rich collection of historical material on parapsychology and psychical research. In the printed subject indexes refer to Spiritualism & Psychical Research, Clairvoyance & Second Sight, Occult Sciences, Telepathy, Ghosts & Apparitions and Hypnotism.

Reference Materials

A range of reference works are located in the Reading Room (1st Floor), at the shelfmark R.R. Dicts., Philosophy &c., including the 8-volume *Encyclopedia of psychology* (American Psychological Association/Oxford University Press). Useful single-volume works include Andrew Colman's *Dictionary of Psychology*, *Oxford Companion to the Mind*, *Oxford Handbook of Memory* and *A Comprehensive Dictionary of Psychological and Psychoanalytical Terms*.

Periodicals

The library maintains subscriptions to the *British Journal of Psychology*, and in the field of parapsychology, to the *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*. Issues for the current year are available in the Reading Room (1st Floor). Complete runs of all back issues of both titles are kept in bound volumes (which are available for loan) in the book stacks as below:

| TITLE | HOLDINGS | SHELFMARK | LOCATION |
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| <i>British Journal of Psychology</i> | Volume 1 (1904)– | Periodicals | Level 7 |
| <i>Journal of the Society for Psychical Research</i> | Volume 1 (1882)– | Societies | Level 5 |

Online Resources

Psychology

Intute: Social Sciences

www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/

BUBL (Bulletin Board for Libraries)

publ.ac.uk/link/p/psychologylinks.htm

British Academy Portal - Psychology

www.britac.ac.uk/portal/bysection.asp?section=S6

Athabasca University Psychology Resources

psych.athabascau.ca/html/aupr/psycres.shtml

History of Psychology

Classics in the History of Psychology (gateway to full texts of documents)

psychclassics.yorku.ca/index.htm

Psychoanalysis

users.rcn.com/brill/freudarc.html

Links to online resources related to Sigmund Freud and his works hosted by the New York Psychoanalytic Institute.