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A guide to the Psychology collection

Scope of the Collection

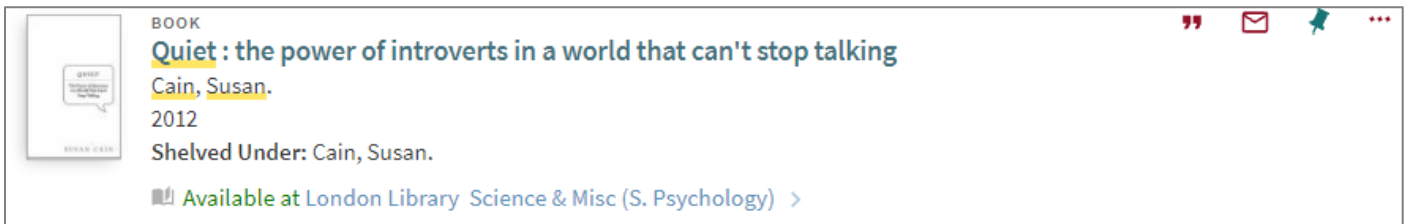
The Library's psychology collection contains more than 3000 volumes. These include theoretical works, material on the history of the subject, and biographies. The collection covers the main branches of psychology, including social, cognitive, comparative and child psychology. Also represented in the 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.

Understanding shelfmarks

The collection is divided into broad subject areas (History, Literature, Topography, for example) and then into smaller areas, arranged alphabetically. Within each section, books are generally arranged by author name but edited titles are filed under the book title instead. Check the Catalyst record for the 'shelved under' information.

In order to make the most effective use of space, the collection is also shelved by size. Check the end of shelf marks for the notations 4to (quarto), Folio and Folio Extra Large that may indicate a different place to look for the books.



BOOK ” ✉ 📌 ⋮
Quiet : the power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking
Cain, Susan.
2012
Shelved Under: Cain, Susan.
Available at London Library Science & Misc (S. Psychology) >

Above is an example of a book record from the catalogue. Here you can see that the book is shelved under the author's name and that it is available (i.e. on the shelf) in the Science & Miscellaneous section (S.), in the sub-section for Psychology and then shelved under Cain.

Books may be requested and put aside for ready for collection, but we would always encourage members to browse the shelves for themselves and discover the books they did not know they needed. Items from the Library's Special Collections that cannot be borrowed, can be consulted in the Library under supervised conditions with 72 hours' notice.

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. These two shelfmarks can be found on Level 6 of the Back Stacks. 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 online Library Catalogue. 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 in the Back Stacks unless otherwise stated. Please note also the two separate sequences for oversize books: Science & Misc., 4to. and Science & Misc., folio

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. Laughter
S. Love
S. Memory
S. Mental Health
S. Pleasure
S. Psychology
S. Psychology, Animal
S. Sex
S. Sleep
S. Social Science
S. War & Peace

Psychoanalysis

A good collection on the history of psychoanalysis is possessed. Most books are shelved in S. Psychology but relevant material can also be found at S. Dreams, S. Hypnotism and S. Hysteria. 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. Works on individual conflicts are shelved with historical material on these conflicts, e.g. H. European War I and H. European War II (Back Stacks Level 3). More general works can be found in S. War & Peace and S. Military Medicine.

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.

Reference Materials

A range of reference works are located in the Reading Room (1st Floor), at the shelfmark R.R. Dicts., Psychology, 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*, and *A Comprehensive Dictionary of Psychological and Psychoanalytical Terms*.

Periodicals

The Library holds several periodical titles that complement the psychology collection. Some of these titles are either no longer subscribed or are defunct but the Library retains back issues in its collection. Titles include back issues of the *British Journal of Psychology*, and in the field of parapsychology, the *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*.

Online Resources

[History of Psychology](#)

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

<https://psychclassics.yorku.ca/topic.htm>

A to Z of psychology (The British Psychological Society)

<https://www.bps.org.uk/public/a-z-of-psychology>

A comprehensive psychology website offering over 1300 cross referenced webpages, 3000+ pages of printed material.

<https://allpsych.com/>