

THE
LONDON
LIBRARY

A GUIDE TO THE:
CLASSICS
COLLECTION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Materials in the Classics have been widely collected from the Library's beginnings: there are now substantial holdings of 19th and early-20th century materials, as well as copies of more recent books and periodicals.

The Library aims to provide **editions** of every significant work in classical Greek and Latin, and also a representative selection of Byzantine and mediæval Latin works. **Commentaries** on the more important works are acquired, together with a broad range of **secondary literature**.

There is also a significant number of **bilingual editions** (most notably the *Loeb classical library* series) and **translations**.

In addition, the Library's collections include sections on both Greek and Latin **language**. The most important classical **encyclopædias** and **dictionaries** are also available.

Shelving Arrangements

The Library's books on the Classics are to be found in three main areas of the building:

1. Literature

Begins on the 3rd floor and continues on the 4th (use the small staircase in Literature stacks), under the following shelf-marks:

L. Greek Lit., Hist of

General works (on more than two writers) on Greek and Byzantine literature.

L. Greek & Latin Text &c.

Ancient Greek, Byzantine and classical Latin texts in alphabetical order of catalogue main entry (ie by author, or by title for anonymous works). Within each subdivision, text editions (including all bilingual editions apart from those of the *Loeb classical library* series) are shelved in order of publication date, with secondary literature and commentaries without text following. Critical studies on two writers are shelved under the first named one; those on more than two writers are shelved in L. Greek Lit., Hist. of, or, L. Latin Lit., Hist. of.

L. Greek & Latin Lit., Trans.

Translations of Greek and Latin works and copies of the *Loeb classical library* series.

L. Later Latin Lit.

Mediæval Latin texts, commentaries and critical studies.

L. Later Latin Lit., Trans.

Translations of mediæval Latin texts.

L Latin Lit., Hist of

General works on the history of classical and late antique Latin literature (covering more than two writers).

L. Mediæval Lit., Hist. of

Includes works on the history of mediæval Latin literature.

2. Language

In the Philology section, on the Mezzanine, Philology [8vo] includes the following relevant subdivisions:

Classical

Works on both Greek and Latin language, the history of classical scholarship, and subject encyclopædias. *Harvard studies in classical philology* and *Yale classical studies*.

Greek, Ancient

Grammars, dictionaries and linguistic works covering ancient and Byzantine Greek.

Inscriptions

Editions of Greek and Latin inscriptions and relevant critical studies. *Supplementum epigraphicum Græcum*.

Latin

Grammars, dictionaries and linguistic works covering ancient and mediæval Latin.

Palæography

Works on Greek and Latin palæography.

Papyri

Editions of Greek and Latin papyri and relevant critical studies.

(Philology 4to books are arranged in one unsubdivided sequence.)

3. Reference Works

In the main Reading Room, under the following subdivisions:

Classical

Dictionaries and encyclopædias, such as *Pauly's Realencyclopædie der Classischen Altertumswissenschaft*, *Der Neue Pauly* and the *Oxford classical dictionary*.

Greek (Ancient)

Ancient and patristic Greek language dictionaries.

Latin

Classical and mediæval Latin language dictionaries.

Periodicals

The following is a selection of periodicals of related interest, mostly current subscriptions. Unless otherwise stated, the current issue is kept in the Reading Room with earlier bound volumes shelved alphabetically by title in the main Periodical section of the book stacks:

American journal of philology

L'année philologique (in Bibliography, Classical – 5th Floor)

Archivum latinitatis medii ævi

Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies

Byzantine and modern Greek studies

Byzantinische Zeitschrift

Byzantinoslavica

Byzantion

Classical Association proceedings

Classical quarterly

Classical review

Dumbarton Oaks papers

Greece & Rome

Harvard studies in classical philology (in Philology section – 2nd Floor Mezzanine)

Hermathena

Journal of Hellenic studies

Journal of Roman studies

Medieval studies

Medievalia et humanistica

Medium ævum

Scriptorium

Speculum

Travaux et memoires - Centre de recherche d'histoire et civilisation Byzantines

Viator

Yale classical studies (in Philology section – 2nd Floor Mezzanine)

Online Services

The Institute of Classical Studies, with links to other related organisations:

www.kls.sas.ac.uk

The School of Advanced Study, with a link to the library catalogue (including the ICS catalogue):

www.sas.ac.uk

The Perseus Digital Library (of resources for studying the ancient world):

www.perseus.tufts.edu/

Other sites of classical interest:

www.ancientlibrary.com

www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/library/latin/latin-lib.html

www.intute.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/

www.chass.utoronto.ca/amphoras/tocs.html