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Pillar of the knowledge society

The National Library of Luxembourg (Bibliothèque nationale de Luxembourg, BnL) is a public space open to everyone situated at the very heart of the city of Luxembourg. It has been housed in the renovated former Athenaeum adjacent to Notre-Dame Cathedral on Boulevard Roosevelt since 1973.

The BnL is a multifunctional library that preserves, collects and catalogues all publications issued in Luxembourg as well as all those issued abroad relating to the Grand Duchy. It has been the country's central cultural, scientific and research library since its founding. The BnL moreover has an encyclopaedic function: around two thirds of the books in stock originate from abroad, and cover all fields of knowledge so as to best meet users' needs.

Besides the more than 1.7 million paper publications, the BnL additionally offers users an ever-growing number of digital resources: electronic journals, e-books and databases.

The BnL is far more than just a place of learning and documentation, but also of cultural encounters. It regularly hosts conferences and exhibitions and also

assumes representative duties and fosters international cooperation. As coordinator of the bibnet.lu national network of Luxembourg libraries, the BnL is a driving force and stimulator of innovation when it comes to new technologies in the field of document management.

The National Library is open to everyone, and strives to enhance the value of its heritage collections on a national and international level. It facilitates research and enables access to information.

A new functional and sustainable building

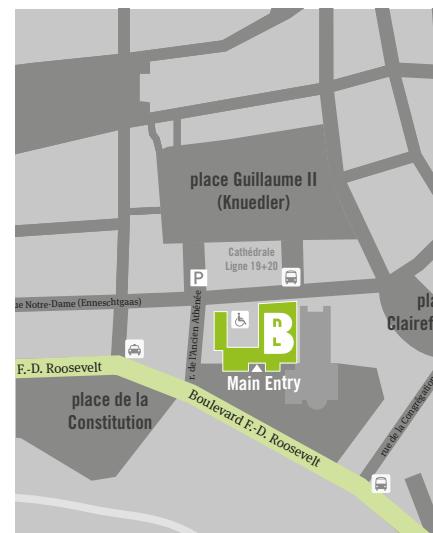
The law of 18th April 2013 authorising the construction of a new building for the library brings a lengthy discussion to an end. Currently split over several different sites, all of the departments and services of the BnL are to be brought together under one roof. The new building will be able to best accommodate the library's users. More than 300,000 documents will be accessible in reading rooms. Construction of the new building began in June 2014, and internet users are able to monitor the progress of construction work on-line at www.bnl.lu.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Free registration

Everyone aged 14 or over is able to register for the library for free at the reception desk. Home loans are restricted to residents of Luxembourg and the neighbouring regions; other users may consult the library's resources on site.

Library passes are valid for two years, and can then be renewed at the reception desk, by telephone or via email (inscriptions@bnl.etat.lu).



Loans and on-site consultation

Once registered, users are able to reserve items via the *a-z.lu* research tool. Up to 20 documents can be borrowed at one time. A further seven resources can be borrowed from the media library for the following periods:

- 28 days for books,
- 14 days for CDs and audio tapes,
- 7 days for DVDs, Blu-rays and video cassettes.

Reserved items are held at the loans desk for 7 days, after which they are reshelfed.

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Opening hours

Library and media library:
Tuesday to Friday, from 10:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

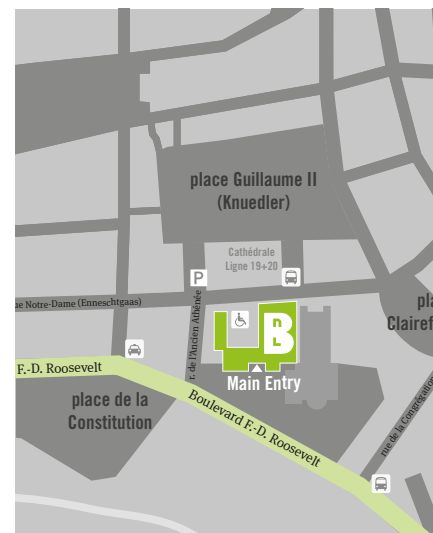


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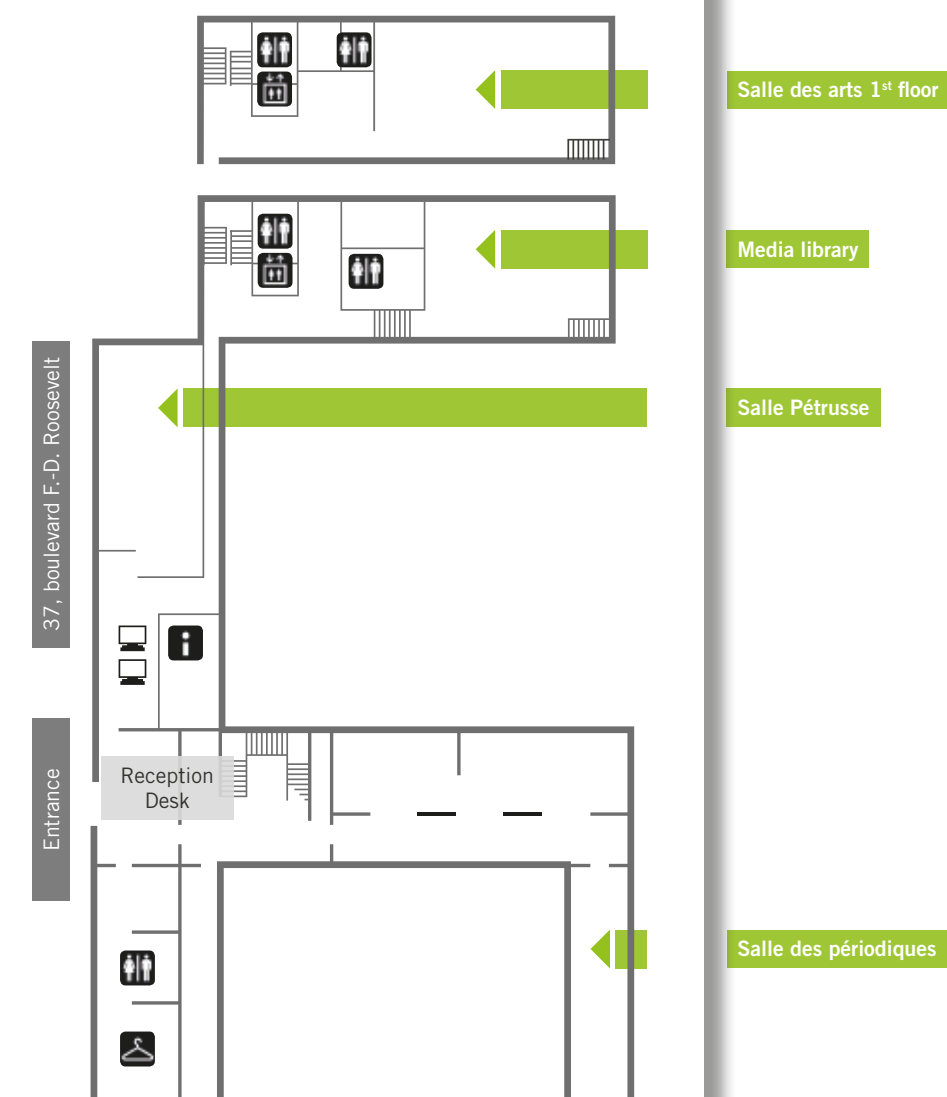


Reading rooms

The BnL has a number of reading rooms on the ground and first floors. Users have free access to 37,000 reference volumes here, grouped by subject. All reading rooms are accessible to persons with reduced mobility. Wi-Fi is available throughout; please ask for the access code at the reception desk.

Library users will find the latest editions of international journals in addition to Luxembourg titles and a selection of weekly newspapers in the periodicals room.

The media library features televisions and DVD players for viewing multimedia resources.





Salle des arts 1st floor



Salle Pétrusse



Salle des périodiques

DOCUMENT RESEARCH TOOLS

The BnL offers a number of IT tools for document research.

An information service is available to users during library opening hours, if needed.

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a-z.lu

a-z.lu is the central search engine providing users with direct access to the catalogues of all libraries in the *bibnet.lu* network in addition to the contents of the BnL's *eluxemburgensia.lu* digital libraries and the Consortium Luxembourg's *findit.lu*. This search engine allows users to search and view Luxembourg's entire documentary heritage.

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The BnL team continuously develops the system's functions. A "responsive" version that automatically adapts to all devices and screens (e.g. smartphones, tablets) has been launched.

a-z.lu has been linked to *autorenlexikon.lu* to give users direct access to the bibliographies of literary authors referenced in the "Dictionnaire des auteurs luxembourgeois" of the Centre national de littérature.

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eluxemburgensia.lu

The BnL has been digitising Luxembourg's print heritage and making it available online on the *eluxemburgensia.lu* portal since 2002.

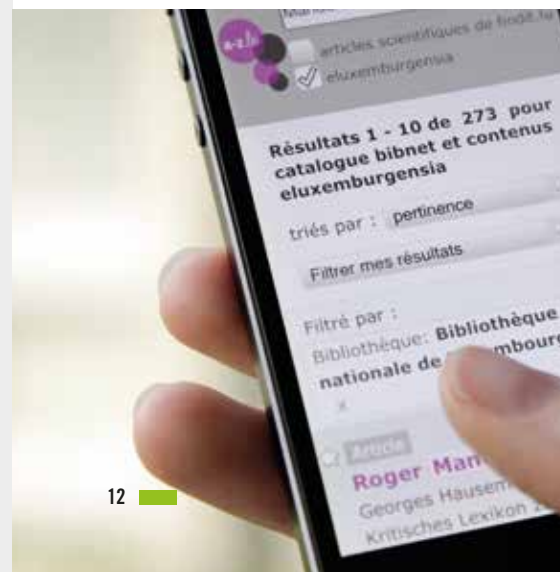
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findit.lu

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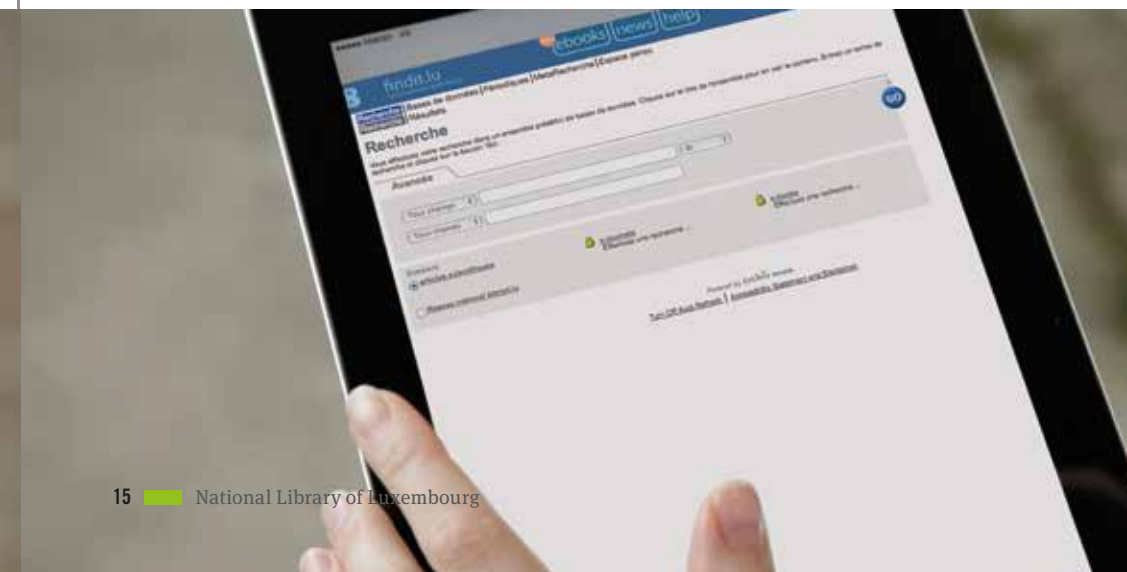
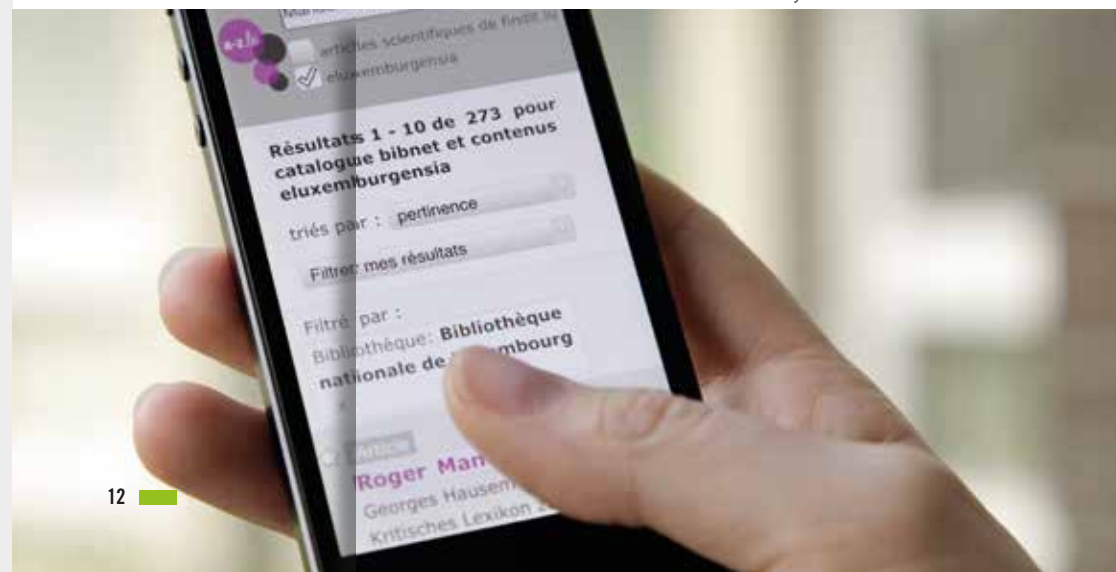
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The BnL collects and conserves recent and old Luxembourg publications, monographs and periodicals in addition to essays, dissertations and artists' books, and makes these available to users.

The print publications are complemented with online resources that can be accessed via *a-z.lu*.

Non-Luxembourg collection

The non-Luxembourg collection makes up two thirds of the BnL's collections of print publications and periodicals, and includes ancient and contemporary collections. The latter brings together resources added to the collection after 1927 and covering all fields of knowledge. Every year, around 8,000 monographs are added to this collection comprising books, periodicals, musical score, congress and conference acts, reports, studies, and reference works. These documents are made available to users as print, microform or audiovisual resources.

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Rare books collection

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The ancient collection (fonds ancien) holds all the books added to the library before 1927. It forms an integral part of the rare books collection. Of the approximately 40,000 titles, some 2,132 date from the 16th century, 3,577 from the 17th century, and 6,620 from the 18th century. The holdings of the ancient collection include a great number of rare original editions by French authors such as René Descartes and Denis Diderot.

Please note that a number of items from the rare books collection have been indexed in *a-z.lu* and may accordingly be reserved online.

Upon prior arrangement, the holdings of the rare books collection are made available for on-site consultation from Tuesday to Friday (10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.).

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Rare books collection

Media library

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The media library complements the BnL collection with non-print media: fiction films, documentaries, audio books, music, and language learning materials. All resources are available for home loan or on-site consultation, and may be accessed for free in the reading rooms.

Library card holders are able to borrow a maximum of seven resources for the following periods:

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The Centre for Musical Study and Documentation (Centre d'études et de documentation musicales, Cedom) was established in 1989. It is tasked with compiling, centralising, indexing, conserving and rendering accessible the country's national musical heritage. The Luxembourg musical collection includes printed musical score and manuscripts, composer archives, sound recordings, song books, monographs, reference books, and concert programmes.

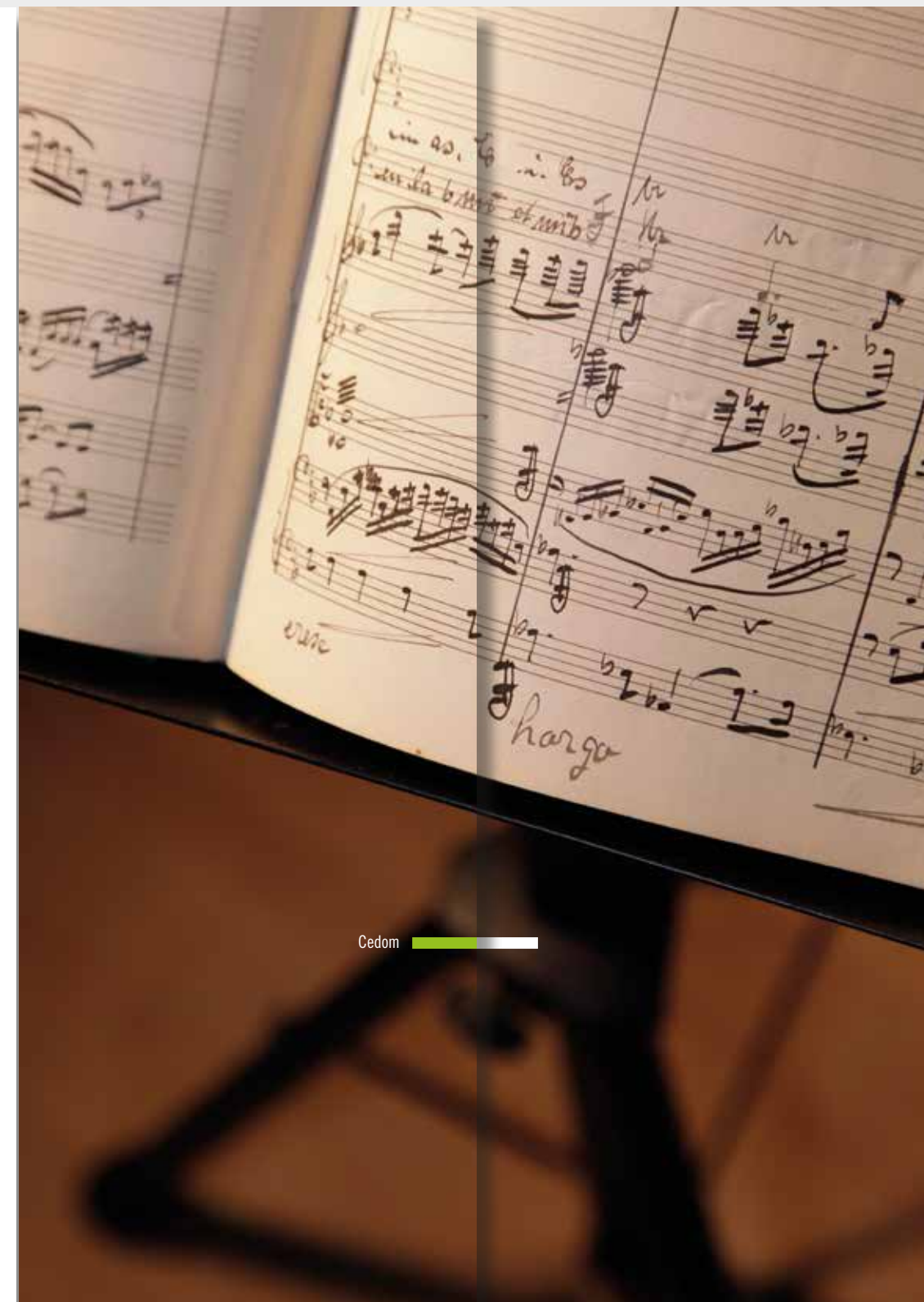
The BnL's non-Luxembourg musical collection also offers a selection of musical score, works and reviews in addition to a musicology database documenting the history of international music.

The resources available in the Cedom and non-Luxembourg musical collection may be ordered online via a-z.lu, and can either be borrowed or consulted on site.

The rare and precious documents of the Cedom (score manuscripts, records and audio cassettes, composer archives) can be consulted at the library upon prior arrangement.

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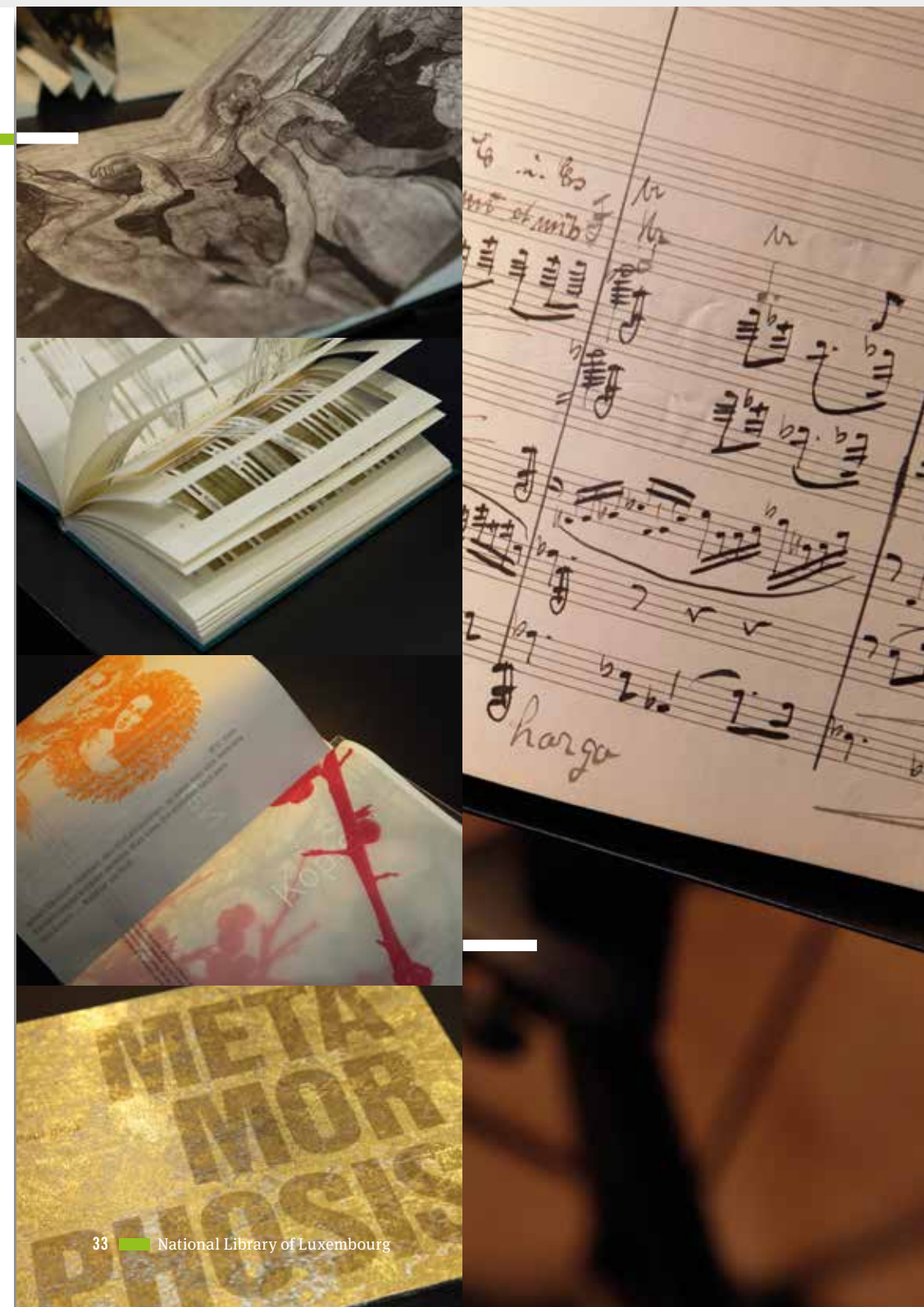
The collection includes 233 Luxembourg artists' books and around 1,300 works by international artists.

From illustrated poetry, object books, and conceptual books to books with paintings, engravings or typography by a single artist, the collection testifies to the versatile work of book artists over the past century.

The collection can be consulted upon prior arrangement.

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OTHER SERVICES

Educational service

The educational service offers secondary schools a comprehensive range of educational activities including guided tours, educational workshops, and introductions to documentary research.

Please register in advance using the form available for download on the BnL website (www.bnl.lu, “Nos Services – Initiations et visites guidées”).

A great deal of other useful information and several themed resources are also available for download on the website.

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Interlibrary loan

The interlibrary loans service is the national agency for the ordering of documents not available in one of the libraries of the *bibnet.lu* network.

You are able to obtain photocopies of periodical articles or loan books and dissertations via this service.

Please ensure that you first check on *a-z.lu* that the document or periodical you are seeking is not available at the BnL or in one of the libraries of the *bibnet.lu* network before submitting your request.

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The terms and conditions of the legal deposit can also be viewed online at www.bnl.lu in the section entitled “Nos Services – Dépôt légal”.

Documents to add to the legal deposit can either be dropped off at the BnL reception desk or submitted by post.

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Legal deposit for books and other resources:
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Bicherbus

The Bicherbus is a mobile library that travels the length and breadth of the country during 16 weekly tours. It serves more than 100 towns in Luxembourg to promote books and reading.

An integral component of the BnL since June 2010, the Bicherbus is used by more than 2,300 active readers with an average of 55,000 loans every year.

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bibnet.lu network

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The collections of the member libraries can be consulted via the *a-z.lu* one stop search tool.

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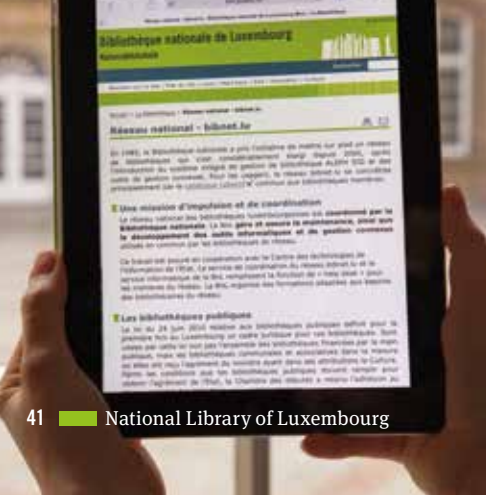
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National ISBN, ISSN, ISMN agencies

The BnL acts as the national ISBN, ISSN and ISMN agencies. These three agencies are responsible for the assignment of identification numbers to Luxembourg publications, and for ensuring control in cooperation with the international authorities.

The International Standard Book Number (ISBN) is an internationally standardised number comprising 13 digits ensuring the unique identification of books, brochures, educational materials, micro-forms, CDs, and digital publications.

The International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) is an internationally standardised number comprising eight digits ensuring the unique identification of all publications in series, regardless of the country of publication.

The International Standard Music Number (ISMN) is an internationally standardised number ensuring the unique identification of printed musical score.

To obtain an ISBN, ISSN or ISMN, simply complete the request form available online at www.bnl.lu, and submit this to the responsible agency.



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Imaging services

The BnL offers a number of imaging services. Users are able to print resources from the computers available in the reading rooms. It is also possible to make photocopies, print from micro-films, and digitise documents.

On request, and following provision of a quote, the BnL is able to copy rare and fragile documents. A list of prices can be viewed online at www.bnl.lu.



A NEW BUILDING

Easy Access

The new building for the National Library of Luxembourg will welcome visitors to Bricherhaff on the Kirchberg plateau, at the crossroads between Avenue John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Boulevard Konrad Adenauer.

It will bring together all the departments and services of the BnL, which are currently spread over four different sites. The new building will also resolve the BnL's structural problems associated with numerous shortcomings in the infrastructure. Currently under construction, the new BnL will open in 2018.

Thanks to a nearby tramway stop as well as an underground parking garage, the library will be easily accessible for all.

Facilities adapted to users' needs

Reading rooms on several levels will allow 300,000 works to be brought out of the library stores, including a maximum of Luxemburgensia. Besides countless workstations and research spaces, visitors will also find "chill out" islands in addition to specific areas for group work. A family area will allow parents to conduct research while accompanied by their children. What's more, a café will invite users to take a break while studying, researching or reading at the BnL.

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Enhanced preservation and valorisation of the national heritage

The new building will feature secure air-conditioned stores ensuring the conditions required to conserve heritage collections: books and periodicals, medieval manuscripts, maps and plans, engravings, posters, musical score, artist books, postcards. Upon prior arrangement, users will be able to consult rare and precious documents in a special consultation room.

Tasked with promoting books and reading, the BnL will increase its cultural and educational offerings, and organise conferences, training and temporary exhibitions in use-appropriate and secure rooms.

Knowledge for everyone

The location and architectural concept rendering the building's function visible from the outside will give books and reading unprecedented visibility in Luxembourg.

The new library will unite and connect the offer of physical works and digital resources in an appealing manner while making optimal use of the full potential of digital technologies. Its infrastructure will moreover make it a place of encounter for all library and book industry professionals. The new National Library will contribute to the appeal of Luxembourg and to modernisation of its public services. It will be a testimony to the state's endeavours to further the knowledge society and culture in the service of all.

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