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FAO LIBRARY FOR YOU

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History

The Library of FAO was officially opened on 10 June 1952 and named the David Lubin Memorial Library:

“In recognition of the foresight, leadership, and outstanding contribution of David Lubin to international co-operation in the field of agriculture”
FAO Conference 1950

Today

The David Lubin Memorial Library preserves one and a half million FAO and non-FAO publications, among which a collection of rare books and incunabula and valuable historic collections. The entire collection is constantly being updated with the newest literature on all fields of action of the Organization.

Today the FAO Library is fully immersed in the digital age - digital resources and search interfaces - and is considered one of the largest agricultural libraries in the world.



Our services

For FAO staff and the agricultural community

- 1 Provide access to scientific literature.
- 2 Provide access to FAO's institutional memory.
- 3 In-depth and comprehensive research support.
- 4 Knowledge sharing among UN networks and member countries.
- 5 Produce high-quality metadata world-wide for agricultural information management systems.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

e-books and e-journals

The FAO Library contains more than 46,000 e-books and 80,000 e-journals, through various agreements with publishers as well as Open Access portals. Some highlights:

1438
e-books
from CABI



3000
e-books
from Springer Nature

**SPRINGER
NATURE**

900
e-books
from Elsevier



21 Springer e-journals
from 1995 until present

25,000 FAO e-books
and journals

All e-books/journals are searchable through the **FAO Library Full-text finder**

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Library resources are accessible through the FAO Library homepage:

www.fao.org/library

Databases

The FAO Library subscribes to four major databases for bibliographic research.

- **Web of Science:** peer-reviewed, scientific journals with a high impact factor.
- **CAB Abstracts:** specialized agricultural database, containing journals and books.
- **Economist Intelligence Unit:** country, risk and industry analysis across 200 countries worldwide.
- **EconLit:** database for economic literature.

PRINT COLLECTIONS



Explore the **FAO library Catalogue** to find FAO documents since 1945, non-FAO monographs since 1976 and an extensive FAO and non-FAO serials collection.

1.5 million volumes

Today the FAO Library preserves one of the most important historic collections in the world on agriculture and all its related subjects. FAO staff and external researchers have access to the following collections:

- **International Institute of Agriculture collection**
Predecessor of FAO containing half a million volumes inherited by the Organisation in 1946.
- **Centre International de Sylviculture collection**
11,000 volumes from the 18th to the start of the 20th century showing the beginnings of forestry as a science.
- **FAO historic monographs and serials collection**
400,000 FAO publications from 1945 until present which together form the institutional memory of FAO.
- **Non-FAO monographs and serials collection**
600,000 titles of which 200,000 have already been made accessible through KOHA (the public online catalog), others are added on a daily basis.

Incunabula & rare books

Some of the most remarkable treasures of the Library are 400 volumes of rare books and 32 incunabula - books printed during the earliest period of typography (1454-1501).

The collection includes rare editions by Virgil, Columella and Aristotle.



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8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Monday - Friday



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FAO Library

External users

To visit the FAO Library, send a letter of introduction with your research queries to: fao-library-reference@fao.org

FAO staff

- To request full-text journal articles and to borrow books, write to: fao-library-loans@fao.org
- For research support and general information, write to: fao-library-reference@fao.org

FAO Archives

The FAO Archives were established in 1957 and comprise 3,800 linear metres of inactive records of the Organization's Secretariat, containing among others: acts, proceedings, agreements, and the historical records of the joint UN/FAO World Food Programme.

The FAO Archives are available for consultation, please write to: Archives@fao.org



The story of the FAO Library

Do you want to know more about the history of the FAO Library?

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Rome, Italy, FAO.

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