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# Institute of Historical Research

Wohl Library

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# About the IHR Wohl Library

We are a reference collection of over 200,000 published primary sources, guides and reference works, covering European and World history from the early medieval period to the present day. A place to think and write, the library attracts historians and researchers from across the world.

If you would like any help or an introductory tour, please: ask staff in **Library Enquiries Floor 1**  
email: [ihr.library@sas.ac.uk](mailto:ihr.library@sas.ac.uk)  
[history.ac.uk/library-digital/enquiries-and-tours](http://history.ac.uk/library-digital/enquiries-and-tours)

## Opening hours

See [history.ac.uk/about-us/opening-hours](http://history.ac.uk/about-us/opening-hours).

The library closes for public holidays, Easter and between Christmas and New Year.

## Using the collections

The library catalogue is available at [catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk](http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk). The search covers Senate House Library and other School of Advanced Study libraries but can be limited to our collections.

The catalogue shows the location of open shelf items, or indicates if they can be ordered from the onsite or offsite store.

- Further guidance on open shelf locations can be found on the following pages.

- Items marked **IHR onsite store** or **IHR offsite store** can be requested in person or by email. Onsite store fetches are usually done at set times on weekdays and not Saturdays, so should be ordered ahead where possible. Offsite store items will take 1–2 working days to arrive. Books can be collected from Library Enquiries.

## Online resources

Most online resources are licenced for onsite use only and are available from one of our library PCs or the UoL Libraries wifi. See the list at [history.ac.uk/library-digital/collections/online-resources](http://history.ac.uk/library-digital/collections/online-resources).

## Microfilms

We have a microfilm reader/scanner on the Lower Ground floor.

## Periodicals

You can browse recent issues of our periodicals in the periodicals room on the Ground floor. Most back issues of periodicals are in closed-access storage and can be requested. Many periodicals are available electronically from PCs within the library via links on the catalogue.

## Accessibility

The IHR is committed to providing a flexible service to meet individual needs. The library is accessible to wheelchair users and has a range of assistance equipment. We can make library information available in alternative formats, and we can provide a document supply service.

For more information contact  
Library Enquiries:

email: [ihr.library@sas.ac.uk](mailto:ihr.library@sas.ac.uk);

phone: **020 7862 8760**

[history.ac.uk/about-us/about-institute/accessibility](http://history.ac.uk/about-us/about-institute/accessibility).

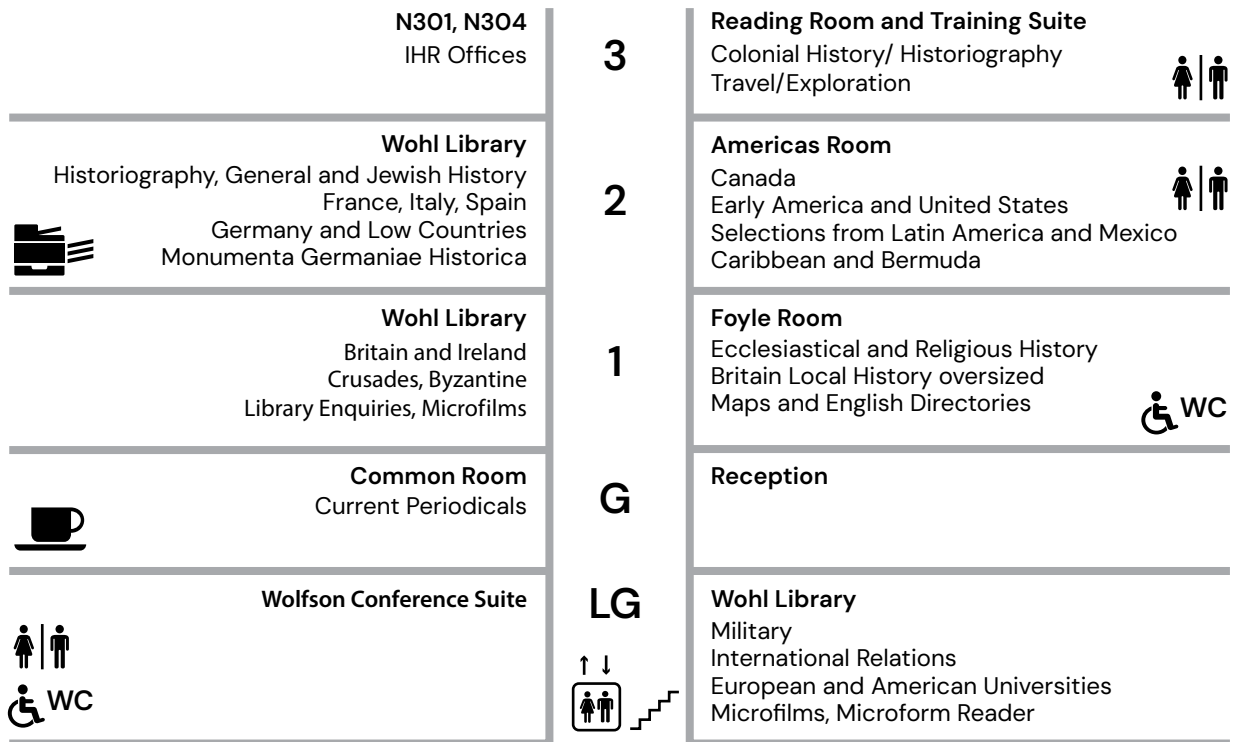
## Free Membership

You can join the library online or in person at Library Enquiries office.

See [history.ac.uk/library-digital/library-membership](http://history.ac.uk/library-digital/library-membership) for more information.

## Arrangement of open-shelf collections

The open-shelf library is arranged over 5 floors of the Institute of Historical Research. You are welcome to move books between floors. There is a classmark list and floorplans on the following pages.



## Finding open-shelf collections

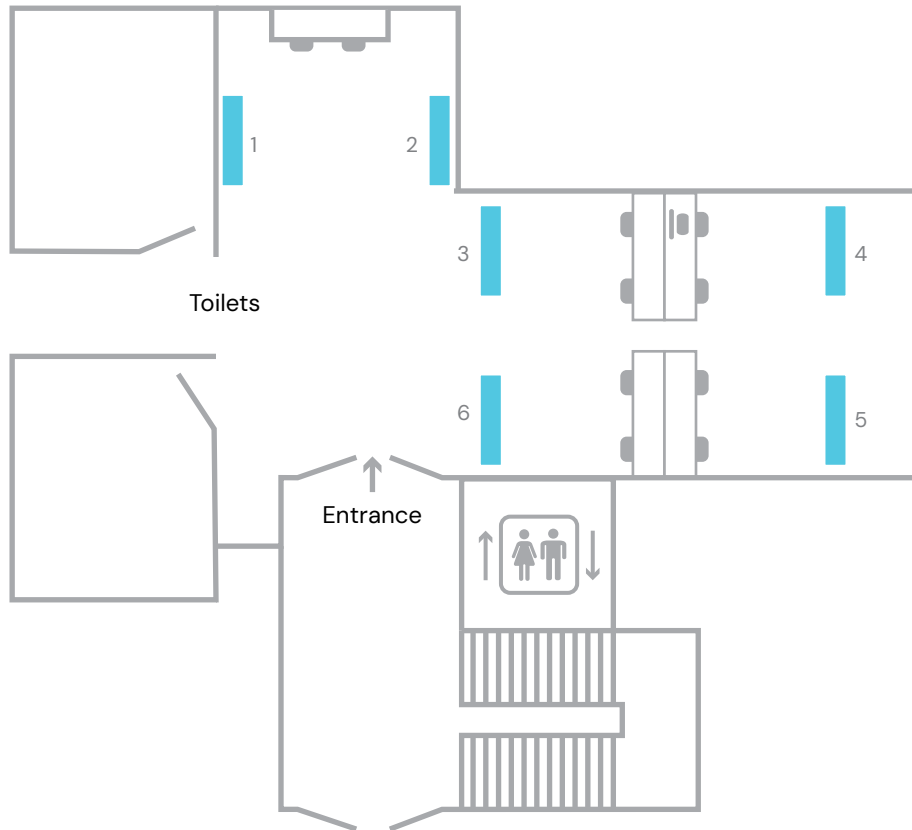
Items at the classmarks below will be partially found on open-shelves. Please check the catalogue for further information. If your journey is extensive, you can check ahead that the item is available.

IHR classmarks consist of letters indicating collection and numbers indicating shelf order. **Class numbers are decimal numbers** so B.253 comes before B.5.



Where the last letter is doubled or tripled, e.g. BB or EFF, the volume is oversized. These are usually on separate oversized shelves.

Classmark	Collection	Floor/room:
B/BB	Britain	1 Wohl
BC	English Counties	1 Wohl
BL	London	1 Wohl
BI	Ireland	1 Wohl
BS	Scotland	1 Wohl
BW	Wales	1 Wohl
BCC/BLL/BII/BSS/BWW	Britain/Ireland Regions oversized	1 Foyle
CLAA/CLAB/CLAC	Colonial North America	2 Americas
CG/CB.9	Colonial General and Exploration	3
E	General	2 Wohl
E.8	European and American Universities	LG
EF/EFP	France	2 Wohl
EI	Italy	2 Wohl
EG/EGL	Germany	2 Wohl
EGM	Monumenta Germaniae Historica	2 Wohl
EN/ENL/ENA/ENB	Low Countries	2 Wohl
ER/ERR	Ecclesiastical and Religious history	1 Foyle
ES/ESR	Spain	2 Wohl
EFF/EII/EGG/ESS etc	Europe oversized	2 Wohl
EU	Crusades and Latin East	1 Wohl
EV	Byzantine Empire	1 Wohl
EY	General Jewish History	2 Wohl
IR	International Relations	LG
LA/LAB	Latin America (General and Mexico)	2 Americas
M/MA	Maps	1 Foyle
UF/US	United States	2 Americas
W	Military	LG
XR	Microfilm	LG/1
	Current Periodicals	G Common Room

# Floor 3





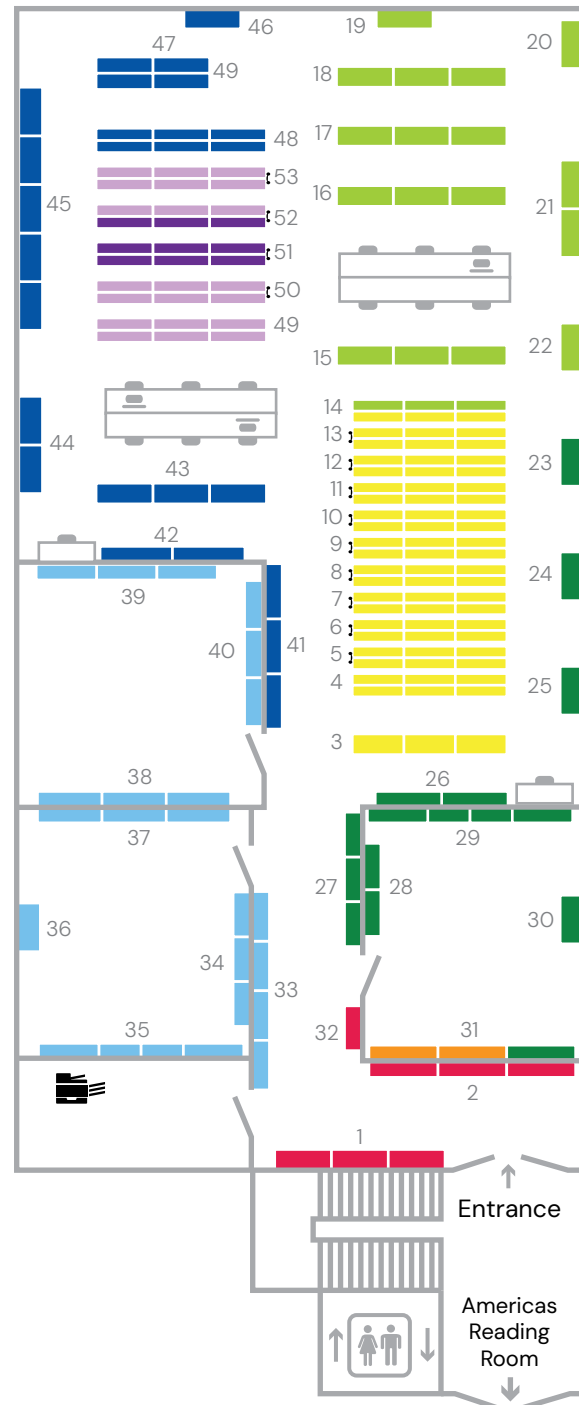
## Floor 3 Reading Room

-  General Colonial and Exploration (CB.9 and CG)
-  PCs

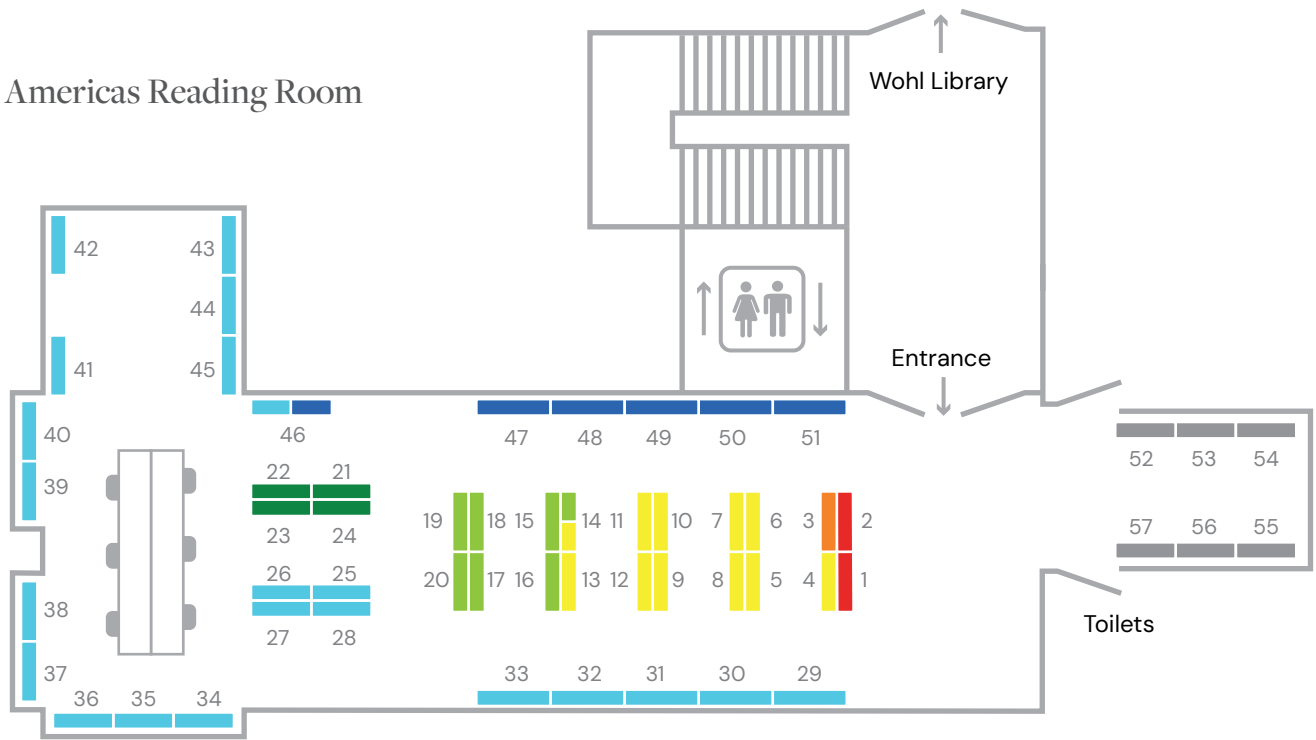
# Floor 2

## Wohl Library Reading Room

- General (E)
- General Jewish History (EY)
- France and French Provinces (EF/EFP)
- Italy (EI)
- Spain, Spanish Regions (ES/ ESR)
- Germany and German Regions (EG/EGL)
- Low Countries (EN, ENA, ENB, ENL)
- Monumenta Germaniae Historica (MGH)
- European oversized
-  PCs
-  Copying facilities



# Americas Reading Room

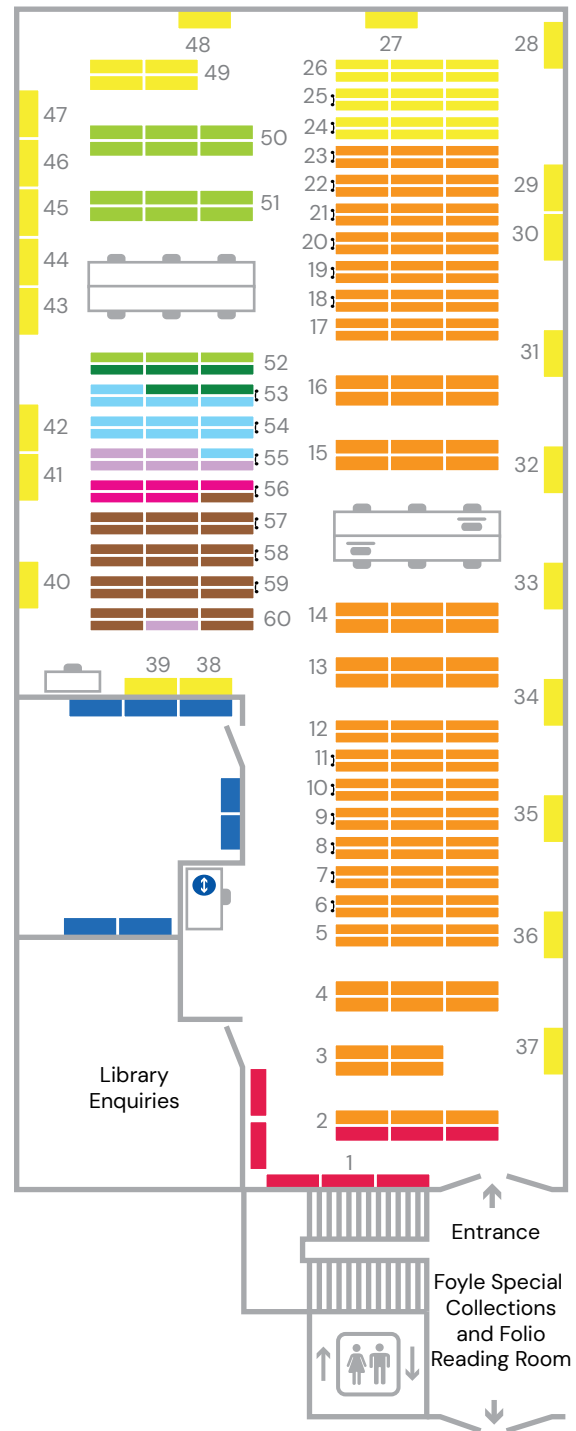


- Quick Reference
- America (CLA)
- Colonial North America (CLAA)
- Canada (CLAB)
- Caribbean (CLAC)
- United States (UF)
- US States (US)
- Latin America (LA1 General and LAB Mexico)

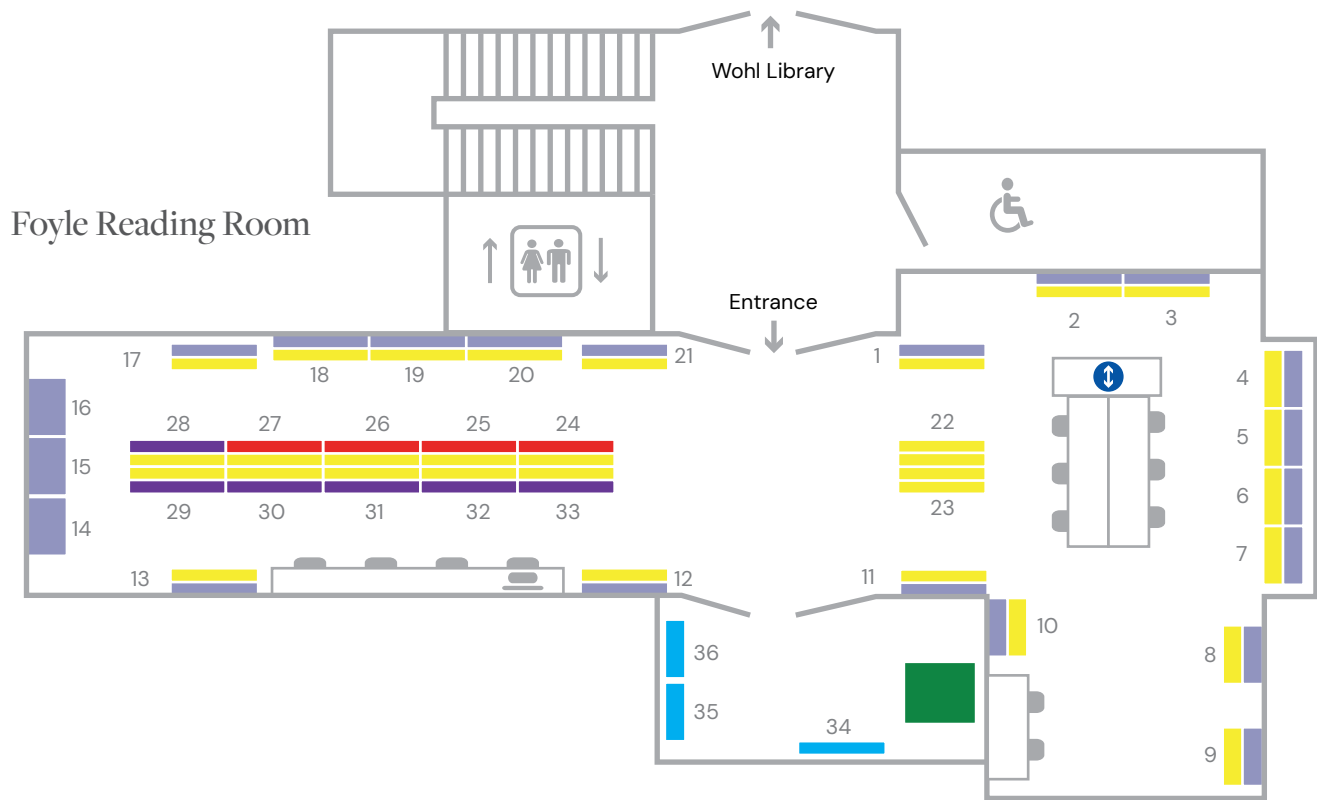
# Floor 1

## Wohl Library Reading Room

- Quick reference; Selected periodicals; Store requests
- Britain (B)
- English Counties (BC)
- London (BL)
- Wales (BW)
- Ireland (BI)
- Scotland (BS)
- Crusades and the Latin East (EU/EUU)
- Byzantine Empire (EV)
- Britain oversized (BB/BBB)
- PCs
- ↕ Adjustable desk



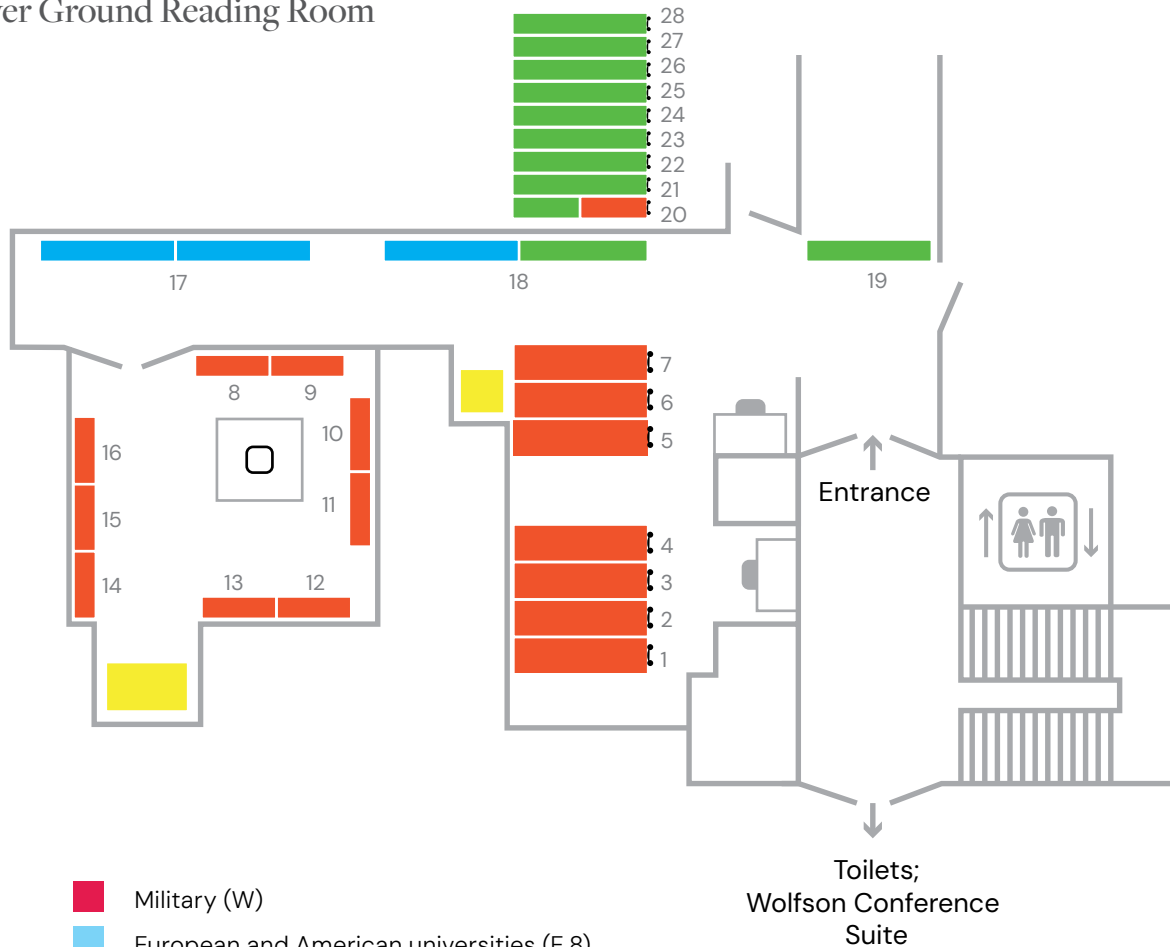




- Ecclesiastical and Religious History (ER)
- Ecclesiastical and Religious History oversized (ERR)
- English Counties oversized (BCC)
- London oversized (BLL)
- Scotland oversized (BSS)
- Wales oversized (BWW)
- Ireland oversized (BII)
- Victoria County History
- Maps
- Trade directories (BC.217 General British and English counties)
- PCs
- ↕ Adjustable desk

# Lower Ground Floor

## Lower Ground Reading Room



# Facilities

## Copying, photography and printing

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You can set up and administer an account at [printing.london.ac.uk/user](http://printing.london.ac.uk/user). The copier on Floor 2 can be used for copying, scanning and to release print jobs. A cradle scanner is also available. Further information is available at [history.ac.uk/self-service-copying](http://history.ac.uk/self-service-copying).

Photography for personal research is allowed, subject to copyright.

Please ensure that all copying complies with copyright and licencing regulations. Staff can provide guidance.

## Document supply

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We provide a reprographics and an inter-library loan service, and can assist with enquiries about licencing. Please see [history.ac.uk/document-supply](http://history.ac.uk/document-supply).

## Computer Facilities

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Library members can use PCs that are available in the reading rooms. Please use USB or cloud storage to save your work, files on the PCs will be deleted automatically.

## Wifi

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Network: **UoL Libraries**

Username: Library membership card barcode (no spaces, upper case X if present)

Password: surname in lower case, including any spaces or punctuation.

If connecting for the first time, see the set-up instructions at [history.ac.uk/wifi-access](http://history.ac.uk/wifi-access) or available as a separate leaflet.

## Membership

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Membership is free and open to all. For more information and to join, see [history.ac.uk/library-digital/library-membership](http://history.ac.uk/library-digital/library-membership).

## Common Room

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Readers are welcome to use the IHR common room on the ground floor.

## Tours or training sessions

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We welcome requests to arrange an individual or group introductory tour or training session. Please see [history.ac.uk/library-digital/enquiries-and-tours](http://history.ac.uk/library-digital/enquiries-and-tours).



## Using the reading rooms

To make the reading rooms a pleasant and safe working environment and to preserve the collections, we ask that users comply with the following:

- No eating or drinking in library areas, except bottled water.
- Please keep your phone/computer in silent mode. Phone calls are only permitted on landings.
- When using headphones please make sure the sound is not audible to others.
- Unless a room has been booked, silent study only and please keep the door open to make the space welcoming for other users.
- Library materials may not be removed from the IHR. Please treat library materials and equipment with care. Book rests and weights are available from the enquiries office.
- Please reshelve books after use. If you wish to reserve items for the following day reservation slips are available.
- You can use your own cameras or copying equipment. Please ensure that you comply with copyright and licencing regulations.
- Library PCs are intended for the pursuit of historical research only.
- If the fire alarm sounds you must evacuate immediately, and follow staff instructions.
- Reading rooms close 10 minutes before the final closure time.
- The full IHR membership rules are available at [history.ac.uk/about/membership/rules](https://www.history.ac.uk/about/membership/rules).



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