

BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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collection of resources, a center of
thought, culture and communication
and an effective access point
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HISTORY

In 1863 when Robert College was founded by Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, the library's book stock, housed in an old building at Bebek, consisted of 200 books that were donated by Harvard University. After Mr. Kaspar Tüygil was appointed as Head Librarian after graduating from the college In 1897, books that were kept in college rooms and buildings across the campus were gathered under one roof, and for the first time a registration, cataloging, and lending system were put in place. The steadily rising collection emerged the construction of a library building, which was completed in 1932 and named Van Millingen Hall.

By 1971, when the Boğaziçi University was established, number of books exceeded 100,000. Unable to house the collection, in 1983, the library was moved to its present location on the North Campus. In Van Millingen Hall, except for a few back issues of periodicals, located on the top floor of the building that serve as a reminder of its former function, the building is used by the University Administration and the Rector's offices.



In 1983, the library moved to its new and genuine building designed by Sevinç and Şandor Hadi who are among the pioneers of modern turkish architecture. The collection reached 231,000 books in 1990 and approximately 285,000 in 1995. Since 1995, many technological advances in library services were swiftly introduced

including state-of-the-art hardware and software, as well as measures to improve efficiency in the provision of services to the user. Since then, the collection has been steadily growing, and book donations made to the library have shown a significant increase. In 2004, the collection reached 452,000. The present library building which in 1999 was named after the university's founding rector

Aptullah Kuran, finds itself once again short of space as a result the increase in the number of books and users. An adjacent building was renovated and added to the library to hold Periodicals Department in 2009.



The library, assisted by the academic staff, continues to acquire the most recent publications and contemporary works. The Rare Books Collection on the other hand houses a collection in

Van Millingen Hall, 1932

excess of 20,000 books and printed material dating from the 16th to the 20th century. The Near-East Collection houses more than 100,000 historical, cultural, linguistic and literary works that focus particularly on Turkey and neighbouring countries as well as the Ottoman Empire. Another collection that no other library in Turkey has is that of the US Historical Archives consisting of 2,500 rare books and other documents that date back to the 18th century. The Library has the largest Braille collection across Turkey for the benefit of its blind readers and provides an extensive service for students with impairments.

The Library no less than 9 distinct collections, strives to ensure, with the help of the university staff and friends of the Library, that readers have access to research material by means of tracking developments, whether it be in respect of electronic journals, internationally cited sources or software developed specifically for library use.

“If all the buildings of a college were to collapse, and the library remained, the college could survive; the heart would still be there”

Dr. Alexander Van Millingen



VALUES

COMMUNICATION for encouraging the processes of learning and developments of knowledge

OBJECTIVITY and **RESPECT** for the rights of diverse to users and information sources

OPENNESS to and **QUALITY SERVICE** for every user

CONSCIOUSNESS for providing a comfortable and supporting research environment

CREATIVITY and **INNOVATIVENESS** to meet the changing needs of users

WORKING diligently for the perfection of service quality

INTEGRATION with UNIVERSITY as a center of research, learning and development, and as a depository, compiler and host of information sources

SERVICES

Resource Services

- ⇒ Course reserves
- ⇒ Interlibrary loan (national and international)
- ⇒ Department for watching films
- ⇒ Department for listening to music
- ⇒ Microfilm ve mikrofiche reading machines

Study Facilities

- ⇒ Separate study halls
- ⇒ Personal and group study areas
- ⇒ Study room (carrel) loans
- ⇒ Laptop loans

Electronic Services

- ⇒ Wireless internet
- ⇒ Off-campus access to all electronic content
- ⇒ Book renewal, hold, and more
- ⇒ Self-Check



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COLLECTION

The library collection is developed not only an academic information base, but also personal and intellectual development of the users. The collection includes mostly English publications, followed by Turkish, German, French and other languages in the form of books, journals, statistics and data, rare books, microfilms, CDROMs, etc.

The film collection consists of DVDs, VCDs, VHS sand Blu-Rays, while the music collection includes CDs, phonograph records and some tapes.

An almost complete collection of Turkish literature was compiled after the purchases and donations made in the recent years.

e-COLLECTION

Bogazici University Library has always been a pioneer library employing the newest technologies. It started to use CDROM and dial-up databases in 1980s, as soon as information resources have begun to move to electronic media.

Today, it has the biggest number of electronic resources in Turkey, offering access to e-journals, e-books, databases, standards, online music & video and reference resources.

BU members are able to access all electronic content 24/7 from inside and outside the campus using the proxy service of Library.

Printed Collection

Book.....	443.586
Periodical.....	146.064
Thesis.....	11.340
Microfilm	4.664
DVD	3.759
Music CD	3.091
Phonograph	2.900
CD-ROM	2.061
Video cassette (VHS)	1.046
Other media.....	2.820
Total.....	621.331

Electronic Collection

- 126 databases
- 18 reference databases
- 7 patents ve standards resources
- 2 music, video & audiobook resources

- 395.250 e-books
- 78.807 e-journals





FLOOR PLAN

Ground Level:

Periodicals & newspapers
Audiovisual Department
Braille Department

Entrance Level:

Circulation
Reference and ILL
Technical services
Study halls

First Level:

General Collection
Course reserves
Personal study area
Carrels

Second Level:

General Collection
Near East Collection
Rare Books reading area
Carrels

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