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**Using archives and libraries in Barcelona:** Most archives and libraries require official ID; you may be asked to show your passport. Library and archive hours vary; in July some open only during the morning (until 2pm).

**Archivo de la Corona de Aragón:** [c/ Almogàvers, 77](#). This is one of Europe's great medieval archives. It has an extensive and diverse body of documentation from the eighth to the seventeenth centuries, including material on the Crown of Aragon, Italy, France, North Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean.

**Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas:** [c/ Egipcíacues, 13](#). Spain's national research council has a branch in Barcelona, the [Institució Milà i Fontanals](#), which has an important [Department of Medieval Studies](#), of [Musicology](#), and [History of Science](#). The library is available for our use and has an excellent and up-to-date collection of material in Castilian, Catalan, English and other European languages; the catalog is [on-line](#).

**Biblioteca Nacional de Catalunya:** [c/ Hospital, 56](#). Housed in the city's medieval hospital, the national library specializes in Catalan and Spanish publications and also has manuscripts. A partial catalog is [on-line](#).

**Universitat Pompeu Fabra:** Barcelona's most modern university has an excellent up-to-date library with a very good collection in English. The [main library](#) is located beside Vila Olímpica.

**Universitat de Barcelona:** This library has several branches, including [Literature and Philology](#) and [Philosophy, Geography and History](#), both located in or near the Old City. The collection is particularly strong for Catalan and Spanish history and letters; there is also a manuscript collection.

**Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona** Bellaterra, Cerdanyola del Vallès. This library is located [outside the city](#); a train journey of about 30min.

The Catalan universities have a consolidated [on-line catalog](#).

## Other archives and libraries

Other important local archives include: the Cathedral Archive, Notarial Archive, and Municipal Archive.

## Bookstores

**Happy Books** (Pelai, 2 & Portal de l'Angel) - travel books, maps, inexpensive art books

**FNAC**(plaça de Catalunya) - wide range of books in Spanish & Catalan, some in English

**La Central** (Mallorca, 237) - mega book store with excellent history and lit sections in Spanish, Catalan & English

**L'aire**(Pau Claris, 85) excellent books shop cafe

**Casa del Llibre** (Paseo de Gracia) Spanish & Catalan, good for art, history, lit

**Proa** (Rosselló 212) Catalan literature and culture

**Alibri** (formerly Herder; Balmes 26) Catalan literature and history

**Institut d'Estudis Catalans**(adjacent to the Biblioteca Nacional) books on Catalan culture, history, literature and archeology

The ACA also has some collections of documents available.

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