

About your Médiathèque...

Come and discover French culture and literature through our collection of books, video tapes, DVDs, CD's and magazines.

History

The library was created in 1874 by the *Ligue Nationale de la Délivrance*, the objective being to encourage the French people to keep in touch with their literature and their history.

In 1906, the library was destroyed by the great earthquake and fire. Libraries and book stores in France, sent hundreds of books to restock the French library of San Francisco.

Over time the financial situation of the library began to deteriorate and, in January 1929, the *Ligue* merged with the *Alliance Française*. Thus broadening its mission to include the promotion of French culture abroad. Growing and changing with the times, the library has held its place in the intellectual and cultural life of San Francisco. Fully modernized, the library has become a multimedia center, remains a valuable resource center on contemporary France while preserving remarkable, rare and invaluable books.



Newspapers

Le Monde, Libération, Le Journal Français, France Amérique.

Magazines

L'Express, Le Nouvel Observateur, Le Figaro, Le Point, Elle, Cuisine Actuelle, Geo, Histoire, Courier International, Le français dans le Monde.

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Presentation of our collection

We offer a wide range of books : novels, traditional literature, poetry, dictionaries, encyclopedias, tourist guides, cookbooks....

Novels

A great choice of novels: from fiction to detective novels, novelettes to French humorous books....

From the most classic authors to the most contemporary (Nothomb, Jardin, Werber...).



Translated American literature

Come and discover the great Californian writers published in French as well as literature on Franco-American relations.

Classic Literature and Social Sciences

Our literature racks gather great classic French literature, but also contemporary essays, poetry, theatre, criticism, biography ...

Also Philosophy, Sociology, Psychology, Religion, Art, Ancient History, French History, World History, ..



Tourist guides

Peruse our large and diversified selection of guides on all the various regions in France, California and San Francisco.

Comics

Discover Astérix, Tintin, Gaston Lagaffe, as well as Agrippine, Titeuf, Kid Paddle...

But also, famous authors like Bilal, Serre, Van Hamme, Gotlib, Bretécher...



Audiovisual and Multimedia Materials

Movies

We propose a broad choice of videos and DVDs. All genres are available: from detective movies to comedies, science fiction to documentaries...

Many great classics of French cinematic history are represented in our collections: black and white movies like *Jeux interdits*, to more recent films: *Amélie*, *Eight Women*...

CDs

The most famous :

Brel, Brassens, Perret, Trenet, Piaf, Halliday, Aznavour, Sardou, Gainsbourg, Clerc, Duteil, Dutronc, Nougaro, Renaud, Goldman...

Contemporary artists::

Manu Chao, MC Solar, M, Les têtes raides, Arthur H, Daft Punk, Obispo, Miossec, Kio, Fersen, Bénabar...

CD-roms

Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, the French Senate, Paris, the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Art history...

Internet access

3 computers with high speed Internet access (DSL) are available for our members ..

French TV

TV5 is available all day in our library.

Children's Corner

Young readers are invited to discover our wide selection of comics, magazines and books. we offer a representative panorama of the large topics and great names of the current children's literature.

Information

Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday : 8:30am to 9:00pm

Friday : 8:30am to 7:00pm

Saturday : 8:30am to 5:00pm

Borrowing conditions:

5 books : for a period of 4 weeks

2 magazines : for a period of 2 weeks

2 videos : for a period of 1 week

2 CDs : for a period of 1 week

New items may be borrowed only one at a time. We also remind you that you can only borrow a maximum of 5 books including the one new book for individual membership, and 10 books including the one new book for family membership. For CDs and DVDs, also one new item may be borrowed at a time. Borrowing time for new acquisitions may not be extended.

Late Returns

Late Fees will be charged to your credit or debit card until the item is returned. In case of non payment, member's privileges to the Library will be suspended. Members will be charged for any lost or damaged items according to our policy on the Registration Form & Policies For Library and/or Video Club.

You will find a list of your books, DVDs, videos and CDs on the Alliance Française website. You can also reserve your favorites titles directly on the following site:
<http://www.afsf.com/library.shtml>



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