

FRANCE: MUSIQUES, CULTURES, 1789–1914 ARCHIVE GUIDE



Bibliothèque nationale de France | Bibliothèque François-Mitterrand

Opening Hours:

Monday, 2pm – 8pm; Tuesday – Saturday, 9am – 8pm

With some exceptional closures, including for public holidays

Public Transport:

Bus: 25, 62, 64, 71, 89, 132, 325

Metro: 6 (Quai de la Gare)

14 (Bibliothèque François-Mitterand)

RER C (Bibliothèque François-Mitterand)

Access:

The François-Mitterand library is split into two levels: a public library (Haut-de-Jardin) and a research library (Rez-de Jardin). On entering the library (at the Porte de l'Est), go through security. Scan your card at the barrier and descend the escalator to the reading room; scan again to enter the research library and to find your chosen reading room. Hand your card to the attendant, who will assign you a seat. If you are using microfilm, you need to ask for a specific microfilm place.

For temporary exits you will need to fill out a *laissez-passer* and get it signed by the person behind the desk. If you leave the Rez-de-Jardin level without arranging a *sortie temporaire*, then you risk having your materials sent back to the store for the rest of the day.

Storage:

There are lockers available to store belongings at the Haut-de-Jardin level. It is also possible to take a small bag downstairs to the Rez-de-Jardin level.

Ordering Materials:

Materials can be ordered in advance via your [Espace Personnel](#), or on the day using the paper slips in the reading room. Enquiries regarding holdings may be made to the BnF's Ask A Librarian service, [SINDBAD](#).

Note that you will be asked to choose a reading room when ordering materials, and your items will be held at the desk of that reading room. You will also be asked to specify an arrival time: you **must** arrive within an hour of this time, or your materials will be returned to the store for the rest of the day.

Internet:

There is WiFi available on site: connect to "BNF".

Food and Drink:

There are two cafes on site: the Café des Globes (Haut-de-Jardin) and the Café des Temps (Rez-de-Jardin).