

# FRANCE: MUSIQUES, CULTURES, 1789–1914 ARCHIVE GUIDE



**Bibliothèque nationale de France | Richelieu**

**Opening Hours:**

Monday, 2 pm - 7:30 pm; Tuesday – Friday 10 am - 7 pm; Sunday, 10 am - 6 pm

With some exceptional closures, including for public holidays

**Public Transport:**

Bus: 20, 29, 39, 74, 85

Metro: 1, 7 (Palais-Royal Musée du Louvre)

3 (Bourse)

7, 14 (Pyramides)

**Access:**

The Richelieu Library hosts several BnF reading rooms (Arts du spectacle, Cartes et plans, Estampes et photographie, Manuscrits, Monnaies, médailles et antiques, and Musique), along with the Library of the National Institute for Art History (INHA) and the Library of the École nationale des Chartes.

On access to the main site, go through security and follow signage for your chosen reading room. Rules of use differ for each reading room; if in doubt, ask the attendant for guidance.

**Storage:**

There are lockers available to store belongings on the lower ground floor.

**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](#).

Some materials require special permissions from a specialist librarian; you will need to contact the library in advance to obtain the relevant consultation rights.

**Internet:**

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

**Food and Drink:**

There is a Rose Bakery café on site.