

## Library of the Theological Faculty

Our library is the **most significant theological library in Hungary**, base of the scientific research on its special field. Our aim, ahead of professional needs with continuous development of our collections and services, we are available for our readers.

### History

Cardinal Pázmány Péter has founded in **1635 at Nagyszombat** (Slovakia) a university. Our **library and archives dated from 1638**. The university was removed in 1777 to Buda, and then in 1784 to Pest. The **seminary (departmental) libraries** were founded **between 1906 and 1913**. The **Theological Faculty** was **detached from the University in 1950**. The **full collection of the Theological Library** (1638 to 1950) became part of the **University Library of ELTE**. Only the **archives stayed in hands of the Faculty**. The Theological Faculty became independent under the name of Roman Catholic Central Theological Academy. Its library **collection consisted of departmental collections, donations, and heritages**. **In 1992, the Pázmány Péter Catholic University was founded**. Moreover, the same time the Library had started the professional and **purposive enlargement of the collection**. We collect and catalogue the **theological scholarly works in all languages**, and the literature of borderline sciences, with a selection.

### Our collection

- Books: 170 000 volumes (donation/acquisition/heritage)
- Periodicals: 18 000 issues (300 kind of titles, donation/acquisition/exchange)
- Special collection: 15 000 volumes (heritages, small prints, oriental, canon law, dissertations, thesis, old religion books)
- Archives: 45.50 linear meters (from the year 1638, official acts of the faculty)

From our collection are **2888 books before 1850**, the oldest from 1466: Homiliae / Chrisostom Johannes.

Supplements to the library collection are the **“Pálos” ancient library (a Hungarian monastic collection) with 12 000 volumes**, and the **library of the Seminar with 15 000 volumes**. They both situated in the university building.

In the library **catalogues**, you can search by author and by subject on. (These are **card catalogues**). However, you can find 40% of our collection is in the Huntéka **integrated library system** too, (starting from the publishing year 1997).

Opening hours of library are **28 hours/week**.

The library is **not open for the public** and **does not lend documents** for the users. Our services are available for our professors, staff members, researchers, students, employees, as well as researchers, students from other universities, institutes, who are doing research on the fields of theology. Besides them, a recommendation letter needed to use the library.

The **registration is free**, and can be renewed yearly. All of our readers get a reader pass.

### Our services

- Specialized information
- On-site reading
- Interlibrary loan (for our professors)
- Copying, digitizing (self-service) – with regard to copyright and to preservation and protection of collections
- PC-room, reading room
- QR codes for free access to many periodicals

- Databases, catalogues (card, online), English subjects (online catalogue)
- OPAC: <http://catalogus.htk.ppke.hu/>
- Wi-Fi (for our readers and guests)

### Conservation/preservation of our collections

- Books restoration (yearly ca. 20-25 volumes)
- Books rebinding (yearly ca. 25-30 volumes), periodicals binding (yearly ca. 350-400 volumes)
- Digitisation of publications of faculty (books and periodicals more than 600 volumes): [https://library.hungaricana.hu/hu/collection/katolikus\\_gyujtemenyek\\_pazmany\\_htk/](https://library.hungaricana.hu/hu/collection/katolikus_gyujtemenyek_pazmany_htk/)
- Climate-controlled compact storage

Many **free national and foreign databases/catalogues** help our visitors in their work, study or research. Selection from these:

- *KVK* - Karlsruhe Virtual Catalogue (Book search interface for more than hundreds of million books and serials in library and book trade catalogues worldwide.) <https://kvk.bibliothek.kit.edu/>
- *URBE* - Unione Romana Biblioteche Ecclesiastiche (Complete catalogue of all universities in Rome.) [www.urbe.it](http://www.urbe.it)
- *DOAB* - Directory of Open Access Books (Free and in PDF downloadable books. Approximately 2500 scientific professional books.) <http://www.doabooks.org/>
- *DOAJ* - Directory of Open Access Journals (The database contains ca. 12 000 open access journals covering all areas of science, technology, medicine, social science and humanities. Therefrom around 100 in religious studies.) <http://www.doaj.org/>

### By university network or with Shibboleth/eduID remote desktop access:

- *ATLA + ATLAS* (ATLA is a bibliographical database in religious studies. ATLASerials (ATLAS) is of its full text version with ca. 400 000 downloadable articles.) <http://search.ebscohost.com/>
- *CUPJ* – Cambridge University Press Journals (Actually available collections: Humanities & Social Sciences, SSH Collection) <https://www.cambridge.org/core/>
- *JSTOR Archive* (Actually available collections: Arts & Sciences II and Language & Literature) <http://www.jstor.org/>
- *BRILL* – Journals and its Supplements <https://brill.com/>
- *De Gruyter* – Journals and its Supplements (Scholarly journals on Social Sciences & Humanities as well as Science and Technology fields, including Law, Theology and Religion studies.) <https://www.degruyter.com/>
- *DigiZeitschriften* (Collection of German core academic journals digitized retrospectively. Current content is somewhat delayed. Part of the content is open access; entitled users have full access to all the journals.) <https://www.digizeitschriften.de/zeitschriften/>
- *SAGE* – Social Sciences and Humanities (SAGE Religion is a rapidly growing list, publishing journals on a wide range of religions and topics, from biblical studies and theology to mission studies and religious ethics.) <https://journals.sagepub.com/action/showPublications?category=social-sciences-and-humanities>
- *Taylor & Francis Online* – Journals <https://www.tandfonline.com/>
- *Wiley Online Library* – Journals <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/>

**More databases** are available from **homepage of university:**

<http://ppke.hu/en/research/databases>