



Service historique de la Défense



Library user's guide - Vincennes



The library portal is online

www.bibliotheques-numeriques.defense.gouv.fr/shd

The reference desk is staffed every day (except on Saturday) to assist you, from 9:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 17:00.

Opening hours

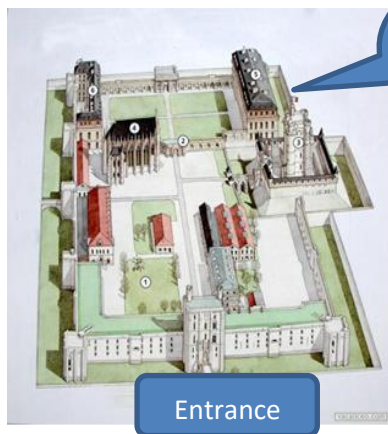
Monday: 13:00-17:00
Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00-17:00
Friday: 9:00-16:00
Saturday: 9:30-15:00



THE LIBRARY IN A FEW WORDS

Specialized in military history in all its aspects from ancient times to modern day, the library of the SHD holds around one million volumes located into different sites in France. As the first military library in Europe, the collections were awarded in 2018 the national Collex label by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

VISITING AND JOINING THE LIBRARY



Access

Metro 1
station « château
de Vincennes »

RER A
station « Vincennes »

The library is open to everyone regardless of age, residence, or research. The reading room is located on the first floor of the King's Pavilion of Vincennes castle.

Registration is free and immediate upon presentation of an identification card with photo on the ground floor of the King's Pavilion. Pre-registration is **compulsory** on our web site www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr, using your personal account. Once you have created a Clade account, you will be able to request books.

www.bibliotheques-numeriques.defense.gouv.fr/shd

According to the library rules and regulations, users are requested:

- To leave bags, coats, umbrella in the ground floor lockers
- To show their library card and belongings when entering and leaving the reading rooms
- Not to introduce food or drink in the reading rooms
- To take notes only with pencil and paper or on laptop computers
- To handle the collection with care
- To observe silence

USING THE COLLECTIONS

The materials are non-circulating:

- Reservation on www.bibliotheques-numeriques.defense.gouv.fr/shd
- Prior reservation required to consult documents on Saturdays

Open access material

- A selection of more than 5 000 books and around 40 periodicals
- Freely communicated in the reading rooms (Salon jaune and Louis XIV)
- A selection of books for the annual preparation of school-qualifications in history

Material held in closed stacks

- Requests placed on www.bibliotheques-numeriques.defense.gouv.fr/shd
- Pulled from shelves 4 times a day from Monday to Friday: 9:30, 11:00, 13:30, 15:00
- A maximum of 12 documents may be requested per working session

Rare books and Special collections

- Release subject to authorization of librarians and consultation by appointment: shd-vincennes-bibliotheque.accueil.fct@intradef.gouv.fr

Please note that some material held in closed stacks will be communicated within 24 hours, or may be temporarily unavailable. Do not hesitate to contact librarians for additional assistance.



MAKING COPIES

- Authorized in compliance with the intellectual laws
- Only with personal cameras (scanner prohibited)
- Flash and tripods are prohibited
- Scanner available in the reading room



Don't miss the library of the SHD events!

Quarterly topical displays (landing leading to the reading room),

Online subject bibliographies in military history,

School-qualifications selections...

and a library portal : www.bibliotheques-numeriques.defense.gouv.fr/shd

For further information,

shd-vincennes-bibliotheque.accueil.fct@intradef.gouv.fr

Service historique de la Défense

Château de Vincennes- Avenue de Paris- 94300 VINCENNES