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Austria – Backgrounds

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Libraries

Survey of libraries in Austria holding manuscripts:

http://www.ksbm.oeaw.ac.at/_scripts/php/msslib.php

The largest public manuscript collections are held by the Austrian National Library, the university libraries of Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Salzburg and the Oberösterreichische Landesbibliothek Linz. Over and above that, large numbers of manuscripts in Austria are in the possession of still active monasteries. Due to the lack of modern manuscript catalogues for most of the Austrian collections, the total number of medieval manuscripts in Austrian libraries can only be estimated on approximately 20,000.

Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Wien (ÖNB)

http://www.onb.at/index_eng.htm

Major collections:

- The collection of manuscripts from the late classical period, the middle ages and more recent centuries include major works from almost all script cultures, ranging from the 4th century to the present day. Cimelia such as the Vienna Genesis, the Vienna Dioscurides, the Tabula Peutingeriana, the richly illustrated Aztec Leporello Album Codex Mexicanus 1, manuscripts belonging to Wenceslas, King of Bohemia, and numerous 'Books of Hours' are found among the various parts of this collection. Various special collections include Greek, Hebrew and Oriental manuscript sources, Ethiopian, Armenian, Georgican, Coptic, Syrian, Chinese, Indian manuscripts, Codices Miniati (mainly art albums).

- Autographs and literary remains: Since the second quarter of the 19th century correspondence has been collected in a subdivision of the manuscript collection with the call number prefix Autogr. (approx. 278,000 items), accessible via a catalogue of authors which also includes the name of the addressee (catalogue of autographs). Literary remains or parts of them mainly from Austrian authors but also from important personalities in the arts, culture and politics are acquired.

Universitätsbibliothek Graz – Department of Special Collections

<http://ub.uni-graz.at/sosa/index.php>

Digital Library – <http://143.50.26.142/listpics/listpics.asp?dir=%5C>

Universitätsbibliothek Innsbruck – Department of Special Collections

<http://www.uibk.ac.at/ub/hb/ass/>

Guide to the special collections and to cataloguing projects in Tirol:

<http://www.ksbm.oew.ac.at/inn/index.htm>

Universitätsbibliothek Klagenfurt – Special Collection 'Handschriften':

<http://www.uni-klu.ac.at/groups/ub/sondersammlungen/handschriften.html>

Oberösterreichische Landesbibliothek, Linz – Special Collection 'Altes Buch'

<http://www.landesbibliothek.at/>

Universitätsbibliothek Salzburg – Department of Special Collections

<http://www.ubs.sbg.ac.at/sosa/webseite/hsskat.htm>

Guide to the Special Collections:

<http://www.ubs.sbg.ac.at/sosa/webseite/sosageschichte.htm>

Main ecclesiastical libraries in Austria:

Stift Klosterneuburg – Augustinian Canons monastery, founded 1114; ca. 1250 medieval manuscripts. <http://www.stift-klosterneuburg.at/> and

<http://www.ksbm.oew.ac.at/kln/>

Stift Admont – Benedictine monastery, founded 1074; from its 1400 manuscripts more than the half date from the middle-ages.

<http://www.stiftadmont.at/english/museum/bibliothek/stiftsbibliothek.php>

Stift Melk – Benedictine monastery, founded 1089; ca. 1230 manuscripts before 1600

<http://www.stiftmelk.at> ; <http://www.ksbm.oew.ac.at/melk/index.htm>

Stift St. Peter in Salzburg – Benedictine monastery, founded about 696; approx. 800 manuscripts from 800 to 1600. <http://www.stift-stpeter.at/>

Stift Göttweig – Benedictine monastery, founded 1094; ca. 530 manuscripts before 1600.

<http://www.stiftgoettweig.or.at/content/site/de/home/index.html>

Catalogues, Microfilms

Printed catalogues and unpublished inventories on manuscript collections in Austria are listed in: Paul Oskar Kristeller, *Latin Manuscript Books before 1600*. Ergänzungsband 2006 von Sigrid Krämer. Hannover 2007. (= Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Hilfsmittel 23). Online version: <http://www.mgh-bibliothek.de/kristeller/index.html>

Some of them (partly with additions) have been made accessible via the Internet:

- Universitätsbibliothek Graz: <http://ub.uni-graz.at/sosa/katalog/index.php>
- Stift Klosterneuburg: http://www.ksbm.oeaw.ac.at/_scripts/php/pfeiffer.php
- Oberösterreichische Landesbibliothek, Linz:

http://www.landesbibliothek.at/content/sammlungen/alt_buch/SchiffmannKatalog01.pdf

- Stift Rein: http://ub.uni-graz.at/sosa/stiftrein/stift_rein_handschriften.htm
- Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Wien: The most important printed catalogues of the holdings are freely usable as images via the Internet; the project has been realized in cooperation with the 'Manuscripta mediaevalia': <http://www.manuscripta-mediaevalia.de/gaeste/onb/onb.htm>
A searchable index to all 'Tabulae-Manuscripts' of the Austrian National Library (Cod. 1-15.500) is found at: <http://www.onb.ac.at/sammlungen/hschrift/index.htm>
- Vienna, Schottenstift: http://www.ksbm.oeaw.ac.at/_scripts/php/huebl.php

In collaboration between the Kommission für Schrift- und Buchwesen des Mittelalters (KSBM) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the Austrian National Library additional printed catalogues out of copyright and unpublished inventories will be made accessible via the web site of the KSBM in the coming years

The vast majority of all medieval manuscripts in Austria has been microfilmed by the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML), Saint John's University, Minnesota. Microfilm reproductions of manuscripts as well as reproductions of unpublished inventories of manuscript collections are offered by HMML. Cf. http://www.hmml.org/centers/austria_germany/austria/austrialist.htm

Cataloguing Projects

Since the 1970s the major part of cataloguing projects in Austria has been carried out by the KSBM within the frame of its project groups 'Illuminated manuscripts and incunabula of the Austrian National Library' and 'Catalogues of manuscripts in Austrian libraries' (cf. Kommission für Schrift- und Buchwesen des Mittelalters Projekte und sonstige Aktivitäten – http://www.ksbm.oeaw.ac.at/_k2.htm). Most of the cataloguing projects were and are co-financed by the Austrian Science Fund (<http://www.fwf.ac.at/>).

Information on many Austrian manuscripts can be found in the online catalogue of the HMML collection (cf.

http://www.hmml.org/research06/catalogue/catalogue_search.asp).

Besides this HMML offers a great number of digitized manuscript pages via its on-line digital collection Vivarium (cf. <http://www.hmml.org/vivarium/index.htm>).