United Nations
Dag Hammarskjöld Library
Overview of Services
for the IFLA Section, Libraries & Research Services for Parliaments
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Dag Hammarskjöld Library is the library of UN Headquarters in New York, with its own specific mandate.

The UN Secretariat also has regional centres in Geneva, Vienna, Santiago, Addis Ababa, Beirut and Bangkok, each with its own autonomous library service.

Many of the other organisations in the UN system also have autonomous library services.
Library services existed from the origins of the UN in 1945
It is seen as a parliamentary library
A new library building was opened in 1961 and was named after Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General who had led the development of the plans and had died in service just before the opening
The Library service also took his name
The service is now much smaller in scale
Selected UN Information Resources

- The UN website: [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)
- Resources wholly/partly maintained by the Library
✓ Provides wide coverage of information on main thematic issues.
✓ Good start for a general research
✓ Provides links to the main thematic pages and websites
✓ Maintained by the Department of Public Information
Treaty Collection

  * Database of multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General in full text;
  * Database of treaties of the League of Nations
  * Maintained by the Office of Legal Affairs
UN Library
Research Guides

http://research.un.org/en
(Selected guides also in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish)

* Starting point to understand UN documents;
* Information on principal organs and their documents;
* Access to list of resolutions and actions taken by the Security Council
* Guides to main subject areas such as International Law, Human Rights, Environment, etc..
* New topical research guides
* Exhibit for the UN 70th anniversary: 70 Years, 70 Documents
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http://ods.un.org/
✓ Main database for UN Official and mast-head documents.
✓ Searchable through symbol, title, session, subject or agenda item.
✓ Since 1993 most documents digital and so are in ODS
✓ Library has hard-copy of pre-1993 documents

Digitisation
✓ All Security Council documents and resolutions completed
✓ Around 10% of the most important 1945-93 documents so far
✓ Items may be digitised on request
http://unbisnet.un.org/

Library online catalogue - including UN documents.
Coverage from 1979+
Links to ODS for digital official documents
Good source for speeches and voting information
Direct access to digital UN documents reflecting the actions of individual United Nations Member States, including:

- Documents related to entry to the United Nations;
- Statements made at General Assembly debates;
- Draft resolutions sponsored by a country.
The digital repository (currently online in pilot version at http://repository.un.org) makes available and preserves the digital Library collection of UN content.

- Public documents
- Publications
- Eventually, other digital content outside traditional categories
- The DAG Digital Library project covers all Library online services
Social media

http://twitter.com/#!/UNLibrary

(http://un-library.tumblr.com/)
Online Tutorials

* Videos and basic explanation on how to find UN Documents

http://research.un.org/en/docs/find
Since 1946, a global network of partner libraries, either free or subscription members.

Receive UN publications and documents (scope & depth of collection varies).

Currently 362 depository libraries in over 136 countries

Must provide free public access to the UN content

Physical distribution almost entirely terminated in 2012

Parliamentary libraries have conditional right to free membership

Questions and Client Services

- Contact UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library Help desk for assistance:
  - Phone: 212 963 3000
  - Email: Library-ny@un.org
  - Web: Ask.un.org