

The Gotha Research Library

Catalogues and Search Options

Historical stocks and catalogues

The following chapter provides you an initial overview to your research possibilities using the historical stocks of the library. A list of other important [manuscripts and printed catalogues](#) can be found online on the homepage of the library. There you will also find the appropriate [catalogue of the Erfurt University Library](#) that could be relevant for your research. In addition, a detailed catalogue overview with the listings of the Gotha Research Library is to be found in the [handbook of the historical book stocks](#).

Please consider that the [research bibliography](#) of the University and Research Library Erfurt/Gotha, factual database and full text archive that you will find via the database info system ([DBIS](#)), can also be used for your research. Also, you can access the electronic journals ([EZB](#)).

Especially relevant research material or frequently used pieces of the historical libraries stocks are available in digital form and can be accessed through the [digital historical library](#) Erfurt/Gotha. The titles are also listed and linked in the [online-catalogue](#).

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I. Catalogues of the manuscript collections

Early modern manuscripts

Database

- [Kalliope](#)
- [HANS](#)-database

Printed catalogues

- Catalogus codicum mancriptorum bibliothecae Gothanae / Ernst Salomon Cyprian. Leipzig 1714.
- Beiträge zur ältern Litteratur oder Merkwürdigkeiten der Herzogl. öffentlichen Bibliothek zu Gotha / Friedrich Jacobs, Friedrich August Ukert. Bd. 1-3. Leipzig 1835–1838.
- Abendländische Bilderhandschriften der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha: ein kurzes Verzeichnis mit 34 Abb. Bearbeitet von Hans-Joachim Rockar. Gotha 1970 (Veröffentlichungen der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha 14).
- Die Maugérard-Handschriften der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha. Beschrieben von Renate Schipke. Gotha 1972 (Veröffentlichungen der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha 15).
- Die abendländischen Handschriften der Forschungs- und Landesbibliothek Gotha. Bestandsverzeichnis. 1. Großformatige Pergamenthandschriften: Memb. I. Bearbeitet von Cornelia Hopf. Gotha 1994 (Veröffentlichungen der Forschungs- und Landesbibliothek Gotha 32).
- Die abendländischen Handschriften der Forschungs- und Landesbibliothek Gotha. Bestandsverzeichnis. 2. Kleinformatige Pergamenthandschriften: Memb. II. Bearbeitet von Cornelia Hopf. Gotha 1997 (Veröffentlichungen der Forschungs- und Landesbibliothek Gotha 35).
- Maja Schmitt: Tod und Herrschaft: Fürstliches Funeralwesen der frühen Neuzeit in Thüringen. Ausstellungskatalog und Katalog der Leichenzüge der Forschungsbibliothek. Gotha 2002 (Veröffentlichungen der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha 40).
- Mittelalterliche lateinische Papierhandschriften: Aus den Sammlungen der Herzog von Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha'schen Stiftung für Kunst und Wissenschaft. Beschrieben von Elisabeth Wunderle. Wiesbaden 2002. (Die Handschriften der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha, Bd. 1). Online-Ausgabe: Münchener Digitalisierungs-Zentrum. Digitale Bibliothek.
- Katalog der Reformationshandschriften: Aus den Sammlungen der Herzog von Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha'schen Stiftung für Kunst und Wissenschaft. Beschrieben von Daniel Gehrt. Wiesbaden 2015 (Die Handschriften der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha, Bde. 2,1, 2,2). In Kalliope vollständig berücksichtigt.
- Katalog der Handschriften aus den Nachlässen der Theologen Johann Gerhard (1582–1637) und Johann Ernst Gerhard (1621–1668). Beschrieben von Daniel Gehrt unter Mitarbeit von Hendrikje Carius. Wiesbaden 2016 (Die Handschriften der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha, Bd. 3). In Kalliope vollständig berücksichtigt.

Medieval manuscripts

Database

- [Handschriftencensus](#)
 - Recorded are the following shelfmarks: Chart. A, Chart. B. Memb. I, Memb. II, Gym. 1.
- [Manuscripta Mediaevalia](#)
 - Recorded are the following shelfmarks: Chart. A, Chart. B, Memb. I und Memb. II.

Printed catalogues

- Katalog der mittelalterlichen lateinischen Papierhandschriften. Aus den Sammlungen der Herzog von Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha'schen Stiftung für Kunst und Wissenschaft, beschrieben von Elisabeth Wunderle. Wiesbaden 2002 (Die Handschriften der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha, Bd. 1).
- Renate Schipke: Die Maugérard-Handschriften der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha. Gotha 1972 (Veröffentlichungen der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha 15).
- Falk Eisermann: Katalog der deutschsprachigen mittelalterlichen Handschriften der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha. Vorläufige Beschreibungen.
- Katalog der deutschsprachigen illustrierten Handschriften des Mittelalters. Begonnen von Hella Frühmorgen-Voss, fortgeführt von Norbert H. Ott. Hrsg. von der Kommission für Deutsche Literatur des Mittelalters der Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Veröffentlichungen der Kommission für Deutsche Literatur des Mittelalters der Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften). München 1991 ff.

More catalogues

Database

- [Forschungsdokumentation](#)
- [Einbanddatenbank](#)
- [Wasserzeichen Informationssystem](#)

Hand- oder typewritten catalogues and card indices

- Dictionary catalogue: typewritten card catalogue, alphabetial by name and keyword
- Systematic catalogue of the ducal Collection; handwritten book catalogue, edited by Johann Heinrich Möller und Wilhelm Heinrich Ewald, vgl. https://archive.thulb.uni-jena.de/ufb/receive/ufb_cbu_00013018
- Catalogue for the manuscripts and the incunabula of the ducal Collecton: handwritten book catalogue.
- typewritten card catalogue; parts of this catalogue are available online through the [research documentation](#)
- Catalogue of letter-writers: handwritten book catalogue
- Catalogue of mail-recipients: handwritten card catalogue
- Gertrud Zaepernick: Verzeichnis der Handschriftenbestände pietistischer, spiritualistischer und separatistischer Autoren des 17. und 18. Jahrhunderts in der Landesbibliothek Gotha sowie in anderen Handschriftensammlungen und Archiven in Gotha und Erfurt. [Halle / S.] [ca. zw. 1965 und 1968]. Typoskript.

Oriental manuscripts

Database

- [Datenbank der orientalischen Handschriften der Forschungsbibliothek Gotha](#)

Hand- oder typewritten catalogues and card indices

- [Research documentation](#) (Catalogue of secondary literature according to the shelfmarks of the treated manuscripts; parts of this catalogue are accessible online via the digital research documentation)
- descriptive index of the illuminated manuscripts

Printed catalogues

Arabic manuscripts (Ms. orient. A)

- Florian Sobieroj: Islamische Handschriften. Teil 5: Thüringen. Stuttgart 2001 (Verzeichnis der orientalischen Handschriften in Deutschland; 37,5).
- Wilhelm Pertsch: Die arabischen Handschriften der Herzoglichen Bibliothek zu Gotha. - Gotha, 1878-1892 (Die orientalischen Handschriften der Herzoglichen Bibliothek zu Gotha; 3,1-5).

Persian manuscripts (Ms. orient. P)

- Florian Sobieroj: Islamische Handschriften. Teil 5: Thüringen. Stuttgart 2001 (Verzeichnis der orientalischen Handschriften in Deutschland; 37,5).
- Wilhelm Pertsch: Die persischen Handschriften der Herzoglichen Bibliothek zu Gotha. - Gotha, 1859 (Die orientalischen Handschriften der Herzoglichen Bibliothek zu Gotha; 1).

Turkish manuscripts (Ms. orient. T)

- Florian Sobieroj: Islamische Handschriften. Teil 5: Thüringen. Stuttgart 2001 (Verzeichnis der orientalischen Handschriften in Deutschland; 37,5).
- Wilhelm Pertsch: Die türkischen Handschriften der Herzoglichen Bibliothek zu Gotha. - Wien, 1864 (Die orientalischen Handschriften der Herzoglichen Bibliothek zu Gotha; 2).

Manuscripts in other languages (Ms. orient. Ag)

- Wilhelm Pertsch: Die orientalischen Handschriften der Herzoglichen Bibliothek zu Gotha mit Ausnahme der persischen, türkischen und arabischen. - Gotha, 1893 (Die orientalischen Handschriften der Herzoglichen Bibliothek zu Gotha; Anhang).

Repertory for educational historical sources

The repertory lists educational historical sources from four institutions: the Research Library Gotha, the Friedenstein Castle Foundation, the state archive Thuringia - public record office Gotha and the city archive Gotha. It provides a first introduction to the extensive and dense source material that has been collected since 1640, beginning with the reform policies of Duke Ernst the Pious (1601-1675).

Musikalien

RISM

- The Répertoire Internationale des Sources Musicales (Online Catalogue of musical source) contains over 6.000 references to [Gotha holdings](#).

II. Catalogues for the printed collections

Incunabula (Mon. typ, Inc, Druck)

- [Online-Catalogue](#)
- [ISTC](#) (Incunabula short title catalogue)
- Incunabula Catalogue [INKA](#)
- [Union Catalogue of Incunabula](#)
- [Book-bindings Database](#)

Prints from 1501 to 1850

- [Online-Catalogue](#)
- Bibliography of Books Printed in the German Speaking Countries of the Sixteenth Century ([VD 16](#))
- Bibliography of Books Printed in the German Speaking Countries from 1601 to 1700 ([VD 17](#))
- [Alphabetical Catalogue for the Ducal Collection](#)
- Systematic Catalogue: usable in the research library, is currently being digitised
- [Classification Scheme of the Ducal Collection](#)

School-Documents (S)

- [Online-Catalogue](#)
- [Alphabetical Index of the School-Documents Collection](#) (by location and school)

Dissertations (Diss)

- [Online-Catalogue](#)
- Bibliography of Books Printed in the German Speaking Countries of the Sixteenth Century ([VD 16](#))
- Bibliography of Books Printed in the German Speaking Countries from 1601 to 1700 ([VD 17](#))
- Alphabetical Catalogue of the dissertations: usable in the research library

Funeral sermons (LP)

- [Online-Catalogue](#)
- Bibliography of Books Printed in the German Speaking Countries of the Sixteenth Century ([VD 16](#))
- Bibliography of Books Printed in the German Speaking Countries from 1601 to 1700 ([VD 17](#))
- Alphabetical Catalogue: [part A-M](#)
- Alphabetical Catalogue : [part N-Z](#)
- Union Catalogue of German Sermons ([GESA](#)): contains only the sermons of the research library recorded in VD17

Hymnal Book Collection (Cant. spir)

- [Online-Catalogue](#)
- Bibliography of Books Printed in the German Speaking Countries of the Sixteenth Century ([VD 16](#))
- Bibliography of Books Printed in the German Speaking Countries from 1601 to 1700 ([VD 17](#))

III. Research guide for the historical stocks

The research guide shows you the possible research steps you can take with your search for literature according to contents and alphabetically - both online as well as using the handwritten book catalogue of the Ducal Collection (microfiche at the general information and circulation desk).

The **alphabetical book catalogue** of the Ducal catalogue only serves as a registering function to the **systematic catalogue**. This indicates a page shelf mark under which, in the systematic catalogue, the complete shelf mark (individual shelf mark) must be used.

In the **special catalogues** available in microfiche, please research additionally, as these are not integrated into the alphabetical and systematic book catalogue.

You will receive the handwritten **special catalogue Dissertations** upon request from the staff of the special reading room. They will be happy to help you with any questions or advice regarding the stocks and their research tools.

Main groups of various collections

Main groups of the Ducal Collection*

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Philosophy | Phil |
| History | Hist |
| Theology | Theol |
| Geography | Georg |
| Cities | Opp |
| Biography | Biogr |
| Genealogy und Heraldry | Gen |
| Antiquitates | Ant |
| Journals | Eph |
| Jurisprudence | Jur |
| Politics | Pol |
| Medicine | Med |
| Mathesis | Math |
| Numismatic | Num |
| Poesis | Poes |
| Sheet Music | Mus |
| Gothana | Goth |
| Statistics | Stat |
| Art | K I, K II, K II Z |
| Pedagogic | Paed |
| Book and Writing | Buch |
| Spiritual Songs | Cant. Spir |
| Funeral Sermon | LP |
| Incunabula and early prints until 1517 | Mon. typ |

Main groups of the Gymnasial Collection

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Prints from the 16th century | Druck |
| Geography | E |
| Historiography | H |
| Prints from the 15th century | Inc |
| Jurisprudence | J |
| Art | K |
| Music | M |
| Mathematics, Science | N |
| Philosophy, Philology | P |
| Theology | Th |

Further groups

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Monastery school Ilfeld Library | Ilf |
| East prussian collection Horn | OSH |
| Reyher Publishing House | R |

Revision markers in the book catalogue of the Ducal Collection

The stocks have been revised. The following revision marks can be found in the catalogue volumes:

- √ at location
- O missing
- referral, cf.

* The order on the list is related to the Ducal classification system in the online catalogue.

Content research

1. Version

Search in the classification system of the Ducal collection ([online](#), microfiche)

Example:

Searching on titles about **Spiritual Teaching**

- Find an overview of the individual shelf mark groups under „Classification system of the Ducal collection“
- Identify the page shelf mark (Indicates the pages in the systematic catalogue, on which the title of the searched subject are listed on)

0.12 Spiritual Teaching

Phil 2° 00043

Systematik der herzoglichen Sammlung
Universitäts- und Forschungsbibliothek Erfurt / Gotha

suchen [und] [SGN] Signatur
Phil 2° 00043 Suchen

Search with the shelf mark in the [Online-catalogue](#)

- Search for Phil 2° 00043
- Search key „Shelf mark [SGN]“
- Entry with truncation: Phil 2° 004?
- Found are titles from pages 40 to 49 of the catalogue

or:

Search with the shelf mark Phil 2° 00043 in the systematic catalogue of the microfiche edition.

tip: The allocation of notation is being continuously upgraded for the complete old stocks. As long as all the stocks do not have this notation yet, the first version offered will bring more comprehensive research results and is, therefore, the central starting point for your complete research.

2. Version

Search with notations in the complete inventory

Using notation, you can search for previously online documented literature under the category „Classification [RVK]“ in the [online-catalogue](#). Please note, that thereby, also stocks from the special collection of the University Library Erfurt will be shown that also use this notation.

Example:

Search for titles about **Canon Law**

- Search for the Classification Mark in the „[Classification system of the Ducal Collection](#)“, copy

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suchen [und] [RVK] Regensburger Verbundklassifikation
10.05 Suchen

Entry in the search field in the [online-catalogue](#)

- Search for [10.05](#)
- Search key: „Classification [RVK]“
- Shows all of the accessible titles with this notation in the [online-catalogue](#)

Alphabetical Research in handwritten catalogues

1. Step

Search in the alphabetical catalogue to determine the base shelf mark and the page number in the systematic catalogue (microfiche)

- in this catalogue you find information like author and title as well as subject group, format and (page) numbering that form the base shelf mark
- Base shelf mark located under the title
- get information where to find title in the appropriate volume of the systematic catalogue
- alphabetical catalogue has only **register function**: Subnumber not specified
- Tip: Ordered according to [„Prussian Instructions“](#), search for: Substantivum regens (first the independent noun)
- No entries under corporations

2. Step

Search in the systematic catalogue with the base shelf mark to complete the Individual shelf mark (microfiche)

- Select the subject group
- Search for the given page in the alphabetical catalogue and your title
- find the subnumber written in front of the author names
- complete the individual shelf mark with subnumber and if necessary with volume/issue

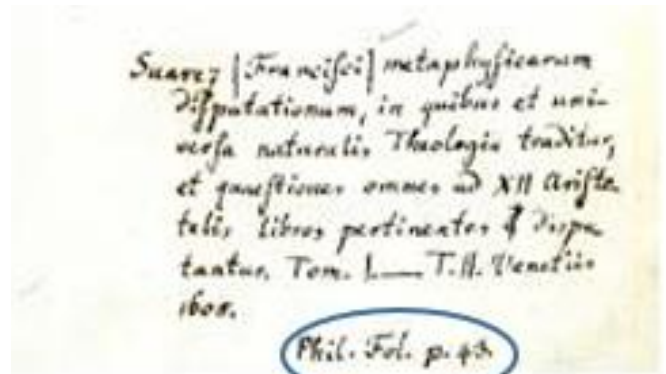
→ **Shelf mark is complete**

Example: Search for Francisco Suarez, *Metaphysicarvm Disputationvm*, Venice 1605

1. Step

Search in the alphabetical catalogue (microfiche)

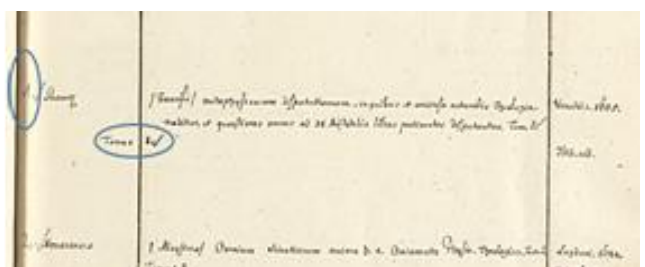
- Search for Suárez: **Phil. Fol., p. 43**
- Standardized form: **Phil 2° 43**



2. Step

Search in the systematic catalogue

- Select subject group **Phil**, format **Fol.** (**2°**)
- Search on p. 43 for Suarez
- Complete the individual shelf mark with subnumber and volume



→ Complete Shelf mark: **Phil 2° 43/1 (2)**

3. Step

Search in the online catalogue

- Search with the standardized shelf mark: **Phil 2 00043 01 02**
- Search key: „Shelf mark [SGN]

Research tips

Standardize shelf mark when using the [online-catalogue](#)

Shelf mark **Phil 8° 120/3 (1)**

- Standardized shelf mark: **Phil 8 00120 03 01** (The space characters are not necessary for the search.)
- Search key: „Shelf mark [SGN]“

UB Erfurt | FB Gotha | Search | Results | Advanced search | Saveset | User account | H

search [and] ▼ [SGN] Shelf mark ? sort by year of publication ▼

search

Finding secondary literature from their sources

Based on the shelf mark of manuscripts or old prints, you will find appropriate secondary literature in the online-catalogue ([research documentation](#)). Here, the manuscript shelf mark will be used as the keyword.

- Shelf Mark: Chart. A 102
- Standardized Shelf Mark: Chart A00102
- Entry with truncation: Chart A00102?
- Search key: “Subject Heading [SP]”

search [and] ▼ [SP] Subject headings ? sort by year of publication ▼ approximate search

Chart A00102? search

search history ▼ shortlist ▼ title data

results search [and] ([SP] Subject headings) Chart A00102? 1 - 10 of 11

1. [The Museum Predicament : representing cultural encounter in historical and contemporary collections](#) / Dominik Collet. - In: The fuzzy logic of encounter (2009), S.53-74
2. [Die Welt in der Stube : Begegnungen mit Außereuropa in Kunstkammern der Frühen Neuzeit](#) / Collet, Dominik. - Göttingen : Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2007
3. [Die Brüder Seckendorff und ihre Beziehungen zu Sachsen-Gotha](#) / Roswitha Jacobsen. - In: Ernst der Fromme (1601 - 1675) (2002), S.95-120
4. [Hiob Ludolfs Anteil an den deutsch-russischen Beziehungen im 17. Jahrhundert und seine Bedeutung für die Entwicklung der slawischen Philologie und der Rußlandkunde in Deutschland](#)

Example

At the moment available in the [research documentation](#) is, in particular, research literature about [Bibliotheca Amploniana](#) and of the [Research Library Gotha](#) which is being continuously expanded.