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A letter to Jūrjī Zaydān, written in 1913, with lists of notable Arabic MSS in 16 Istanbul libraries appended. Indexes of libraries, titles, and authors.


Includes detailed descriptions of MSS in a number of Istanbul libraries.


Includes descriptions of MSS in Istanbul, Afyon, Konya and Kayseri.


Includes details of MSS in 40 Istanbul collections.


Includes detailed descriptions of Arabic MSS in 23 Istanbul collections.


Detailed descriptions of MSS in 16 Istanbul collections.


Details of 8 Kipchak MSS in 4 Istanbul collections.

al-Majma' al-Tami al-'Arabi (Dimashq) 17, 1942/1361, pp. 534–538.
Rare Arabic MSS in Istanbul libraries, with a brief list of titles and authors.

Reprinted in 1986 Beiträge (see below).
Includes extensive details of MSS in a wide range of Turkish libraries.

1942. Handschriften osmanische Historiker in Istanbul. By L.

1943–62. İstanbul kitapaneleri (kitaplıklar) tarih-coğrafya yazmaları
katalogları. I. Türkçe tarih yazmaları. Istanbul: Maarif Vekiliği (Millî
Eğitim Bakanlığı) (Kitappaneler Katalogları Yayınlarından 1/1–
Classified catalogue of 634 Turkish historical works, in several
thousand MS. copies, with the following subject divisions: 1) Umumî
tarihler [general histories] (MSS nos. 1–31); 2) Türk tarihine ait
eserler [works on Turkish history] (32–187); 3) Arap tarihî [history
of the Arabs] (188–195); 4) Iran tarihi [history of Iran] (196–201);
5) Diğer millîler tarihine ait eserler [works on other nations]
(202–214); 6) Şeriâtîler ve Peygamberîler tarihî [history of beliefs
and prophets] (215–239); 7) Süryânîler [biographies of the Prophet]
(240–269); 8) Eviyâ tezkireleri ve menkeler [biographies of the
saints and legends] (270–379); 9) Şairler tezkireleri [biographies of
poets] (380–402); 10) Biyografiye ait diğer eserler [other works on
biography] (403–479); 11) Sefaret-nâmeler [diplomatic reports]
(480–503); 12) Kanun-nâme ve Emir-nâmeler [code of laws and
administrative decrees] (504–527); 13) Vâkiî-nâmeler [deeds of
trusts] (528–634).
The compilers give full descriptions, with serial numbers, titles in
Latin and Arabic script, full names of authors, when they lived,
dates of birth and death, subjects, detailed information about the
contents, holding libraries with shelf-nos., incipits, explicitis, dates of
compilation, names of compilers, numbers of folios and lines, styles
of script and their characteristics, bindings and covers, patterns of
seals, dates of copying, names of scribes, illuminations, names of
previous owners, types of paper and ink, dimensions, marginal and
additional remarks, all reference numbers, details of published edi-
tions of the text, states of preservation, catalogue numbers. At the
end of every fascicule, except the last one, are indexes of authors,
translators and titles. For a critique of this catalogue, see Birnbaum
1984, p. 475.

1945. İstanbul kitapanelerinde al-Şâkîkî al-Nu’maîîîye tercüme
ve zeyyilleri. By B. Gençel. Türkîyet Meclisleri 7–8, 1945, pp. 136–
168.

Khâzîn’s kutub Istanbul, pp. 251–256.

1947–76. İstanbul kitapaneleri (kitaplıklar) Türkçe yazma diwanlar
katalogulu. Istanbul: Millî Eğitim Bakanlığı (Kitappanel Katalogları
Detailed catalogue of 2,531 Turkish poetical MSS. The compilers
give full descriptions, including detailed information on the life,
work(s), literary activities, date and place of death of every poet;
whether any study was carried out on his life or work or not, if so
when and by whom; all bibliographical references are given. Then
if the divan is arranged in alphabetical order or not, beginning, end
(in Arabic script), date of compilation, number of folios and lines,
dimensions, style of script, name of scribe, date of copying, names
of previous owners, type of paper and ink, cover and binding, con-
tents, description of all MSS in different libraries of Istanbul, their
serial numbers and library numbers. For example: descriptions of
55 copies of Başîl’s divan are given separately. The poets are ar-
ranged in chronological order. Indexes of poets’ names (except

1948. Burdur-Antalya ve havali kitapanelerinde bulunan
1986 Beiträge (see below).
Detailed descriptions of MSS in Antalya (now in the Süleymaniye
in Istanbul), Burdur and Elmalı.


Very brief descriptions (title, name of author and library number) of 879 important, valuable, unique and artistic MSS included in an exhibition.


1955. *İstanbul küütüphanelerinde Fethî'în hasiîs küütüphanesine ve Fethî çâğî mülîellerine ait eserler*. Istanbul (İstanbul Üniversitesi Yayınları), 549. 72pp. 4 plates.

Brief descriptions (serial number, full name of author, date of death of author, title, language, dimensions, number of folios and lines, style of script, date of copying, name of the library containing the work and its number in the same library, and subject, illuminations and headings) of 427 MSS.


Descriptions of 8 MSS in 5 collections.


Turkish, with introduction also in French.


Includes a list of 39 state, 15 municipal and 6 private libraries, with numbers of MSS in them.

Summary list of short titles, with language, script, author and date.

Detailed descriptions and enumerations of three volumes in Istanbul libraries, containing 106 Arabic texts.


Detailed descriptions of the contents of MSS in 7 collections.

Includes descriptions of 15 MSS in different Istanbul collections.

The compiler gives full descriptions (some information on the life of author, name of author, date of compilation, some information about content, name of the library holding the MS., library number and serial number, title, language, subject, author, incipit, explicit, style of script, date of copying, name of scribe, headings and illuminations, number of folios and lines, cover and binding, type of paper and ink dimensions) of 404 MSS.


Detailed descriptions of 6 MSS in different Istanbul collections.


Includes statistics and information on MSS holdings.


An exhibition catalogue which describes very briefly (name of author, title, date of compilation, name of scribe/artist/illuminator, style of script, name of the library which contains the work and its number, number of folios) 442 MSS of which 111 were on exhibition. All MSS mentioned in this catalogue concern the period or reign of Süleyman I ("THE MAGNIFICENT"). The MSS exhibited are important, unique, valuable or of artistic significance. They came from many different libraries.

An exhibition catalogue which describes 151 unique autograph MSS, others notable for their calligraphy, miniatures, illumination and bindings, very old MSS (some on parchment), MSS written for the private libraries of Ottoman Sultans, some very important scientific works (natural sciences, mathematics, astronomy, geography), history, literature and Qur‘āns. The catalogue gives very brief descriptions (library number, name of the library to which the work belongs, subject, name of author, date of copying).


Incl. detailed descriptions of Arabic medical MSS in Afyon, Amasya, Bursa, Çorum, İstanbul, İzmir, Kayseri, Konya, Kütahya, Manisa and Samsun.

Detailed catalogue of JĀ‘IZ MSS in a number of Istanbul collections.


Very detailed descriptions of 13 MSS.


69 MSS described.

Very detailed descriptions of 8 MSS in Bursa, Konya, Edirne and Manisa.

   Incl. Istanbul.


   Incl. survey of libraries in Istanbul, Bursa, Manisa and İzmir.

   Physical descriptions of 13 MSS in 10 collections.


   Physical descriptions of 36 MSS in a number of libraries.


   For details of the original defters, see individual collections under Istanbul below.

   Includes details of the authors, titles, locations and call-numbers of hundreds of Turkish MSS in Turkish libraries. [Source: BERNBAUM 1984, p. 467.]


   Full descriptions (title, useful information about the work, full name of author, date of death of author, date of copying, name of scribe, style of script, date of compilation, number of folios and lines, type of paper and ink, cover and binding, contents—with description of every text and MSS in different libraries, serial and library numbers, patterns of seals, historical-literary remarks, additional notes, incipit, explicit, language, whether the work is in prose or in verse, whether it is published or not, if published by whom and when and where, descriptions of individual poems, dimensions) of 57 MSS (117 items). 28 of these items are Turkish, the rest in Persian. Indexes of Hurufî terms, personal names and places.

Outlines the contents and histories of some 14 MSS libraries.


Türkiyâ—İstânîbül, pp. 68–78: 41 FİRDÂWÎS MSS in 7 collections.


Arranged in alphabetical order of authors. Brief descriptions (title, name of author, some information on the contents, incipit, style of script, date of copying, number of folios) of 3,020 MSS. Vol. III contains indexes of authors, scribes, transmitters (ru nav) and titles.


For an assessment of this catalogue, see BERNBAUM 1984, pp. 467–468.


Includes 336 MSS in 11 Turkish collections.


Series of detailed catalogues, in Turkish. Information includes: titles (in Arabic script, conventional romanisation and Turkish romanisation), authors (in Arabic script and Turkish romanisation, and with date of death if known), incipits (in Arabic script), languages, dates of copying, dimensions, lines per page, foliation, paper, rubrics, bindings, expliciths (in Arabic script) and previous owners. Some plates (facsimiles). Classified by subject but not by language. Each entry describes an individual work, even if it forms only part of a volume. Little information on the texts. Indexes of authors and titles.

The volumes so far cover collections in or from the administrative districts of Adana, Adıyaman, Amasya, Ankara, Antalya, Giresun, İstanbul, Ordu and Rize. For details of each, see under places and/or libraries below; for further particulars and assessments of this project (known as TÜYATOK), see BERNBAUM 1984, pp. 468–472, and FLEMMING 1986, passim.


Describes 30 existing libraries, with index and statistics of MSS holdings.


Updated Turkish original of 1980 article (see above), but without index.


Updated version of 1980 article (see above), but without index.
Directory of 379 libraries, with numbers of MSS (if any) in each.


In alphabetical order of authors. Brief descriptions (name of author, date of his death, full title of the work, incipit, libraries, serial number, number of folios, date of copying, all known references) of 501 works by 250 authors.

Full descriptions (title, subject, name and date of death of author, information on the contents, style of script, date of copying, name of scribe, number of folios, dimensions, names and numbers of the holding libraries, references) of 449 MSS. Indexes of authors, other personal names and titles.


Descriptions of 30 composite MS. volumes (majmû‘at) in 16 Istanbul collections. Indexes of titles, authors and copyists.

Notes on MSS in 6 Istanbul libraries.

Bursa, Edirne, Gallipoli, etc.

Reprints of articles and booklets by various scholars and cataloguers, 1906–61.

A useful survey of the traditional nature and organisation of Turkish manuscript libraries, based on archival documents.


Unpublished:


Early Turkish poetry MSS in Istanbul libraries.

Computerised catalogue of MSS in libraries of Turkey, kept at the Süleymaniye Kütüphanesi in Istanbul (q.v.). [Source: Nouvelles des Manuscrits du Moyen-Orient 1, 1992, p. 4.]

ADANA

Adana İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Ömer Sabanci Kültür Sitesi

Tel.: 9-71-52 32 90

Date of establishment: 1923

Status: Public library

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open Monday–Friday 08:30–17:30 (also Saturday during school terms).

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,592 (2,064 Arabic; 92 Persian; 436 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on wooden shelves in a special depot. Most of them are in very bad condition. A significant number have been damaged and are beginning to disintegrate as a result of humidity, microbiological factors and lack of care and cleaning.

Most of the texts relate to Qur'anic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, exegesis, Hadith, Arabic grammar, literature, history and Sufism.


Published catalogues:


Unpublished catalogues:

Yazma kitaplar defteri. Handwritten. [Source: Birnbaum 1984, p. 500, n. 588.]

List of 1,162 MSS, mostly Arabic, and 72 lithographs.

Card catalogue.
ADIYAMAN
İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Atatürk Cad. 5
Status: Public library

Published catalogues:
Detailed descriptions of 132 Arabic, Persian and Turkish MSS.

AFYON
Gedik Ahmet Paşa İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Dumlupınar Mah., Şeyh Mehmet Cad. 1
Tel.: 491-35433
Date of establishment: 1477
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open Monday – Friday 08:30 – 17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,452 (1,049 Arabic; 120 Persian; 104 Turkish; 179 Arabic/Persian/Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room in the library building. Most are in good condition, but some are damaged and in urgent need of repair.

As Afyon used to be one of the most important centres of the Mawlawī (Mevlevi) order, the library contains some MSS by Mawlawī Jalāl al-Dīn Rūmī and his son Sultān Walad. The collection also includes the following subjects: Qur’ānic studies, exegesis, Islamic sciences, Hadith, fiqh, Sufism, language, literature and history. Some MSS are illuminated.

Important MSS include:

Published catalogue:
1951. Une liste des manuscrits choisis parmi les bibliothèques de Manisa, Akhisar. Istanbul (publiée à l’occasion du XXII. Congrès Interna-
AKŞEHİR

Akşehir Halk Kütüphanesi

Akşehir, Konya
Tel.: 9-346-116 73
Date of establishment: 1849
Status: Public library

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open 08:30–17:30 Monday–Friday (also Saturday during school terms).

Total number of Islamic MSS: 493 (442 Arabic; 8 Persian; 38 Turkish; 5 others).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. Most are in good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate and suffer damage. They need repairing and cleaning.
Most of the texts are on Qur'anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, Hadith, Arabic grammar, literature, philosophy, geography, astronomy, geography and history.
For a brief survey, see 1967. Article by Dietrich (under Union catalogues above).

Published catalogue: 1951. See Union catalogue above for brief descriptions (titles, names and deaths of authors, dates, number of folios, sizes and dimensions) of 19 important MSS in this library (under Akşehir).

Unpublished catalogue:
Classified catalogue indicating author, title, pagination etc.

AKSEKİ

Yeşen Mehmet Paşa Halk Kütüphanesi

Akseki, Antalya
Tel.: 9-321-81086
Date of establishment: 1782
Status: Public library

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open 08:30–17:30 Mon.–Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 468 (410 Arabic; 16 Persian; 42 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in book-cases in a special section of the library. Most are in fairly good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate and need repairing and cleaning.
Most of the texts concern Qur'anic and Islamic studies, fiqh, exegesis, Hadith, Arabic grammar, literature, philosophy, geography, astronomy, geography and history.

Includes detailed descriptions of a large number of MSS in this library.

Unpublished catalogue:
Inventory/register listing all MSS.
ALANYA

Alanya Müzesi

Status: Public museum

Published catalogue:
Includes detailed descriptions of a number of MSS, mostly Qur’ans, in this museum.

AMASYA

Amasya Bayezid II Halk Kütüphanesi

Hacı İlyas Mah., Beyazıt Camii Yani No. 5, Amasya
Tel.: 378-11223
Date of establishment: 1925
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,065 (1,976 Arabic; 1 Chaghatai; 26 Persian; 55 Turkish; 5 Arabic/Turkish; 2 Persian/Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in special rooms in the library building. Most are in good condition, but some are damaged and in urgent need of repair.

The collection includes the following subjects: Qur’ans, Qur’anic studies, exegesis, Islamic sciences, fiqh, Hadith, Sufism, philosophy, geography, language, literature and history. Some MSS are illuminated.


For a brief history and survey of the collection, see 1967. Article by Dietrich (under Union catalogues above).

Published catalogues:
1990–92. 05. Amasya Bayezid II Halk Kütüphanesi. 3 vols. vi + 320; 320; 320pp. Part of 1979—Union catalogue (see above).

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers in which all MSS are systematically recorded and listed.
Card indexes (alphabetical).

ANKARA

Adnan Ötügen İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Kumrular Sok. 3, 06650 Yenisehir, Ankara
Tel.: 4-425 34 90 & 425 34 99
Date of establishment: 1922
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as the other public libraries.
Opening hours: same as the other public libraries.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5,259 (2,640 Arabic; 1,300 Persian; 1,252 Turkish; 67 others).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves and stored in a separate depot. Some are in fairly good condition but most of them have been damaged in various ways as a result of humidity, microbiological factors, lack of maintenance, etc. Some are holed and have begun to disintegrate. Although this library contains a large number of Islamic MSS, most of them are not of great value.

The texts cover Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, Hadith, Sufism, language, literature and history.

Published catalogue: 1956–57. Union catalogue by Togan includes 17 MSS in this library.


Anıtkabir (Atatürk Memorial)

Date of establishment: 1953
Detailed descriptions of 16 Turkish and Arabic MSS.

Ankara Üniversitesi Dil ve Tarih-Coğrafya Fakültesi Kütüphanesi

Atatürk Bulvarı, Şişliye-Ankara
Tel.: 4-310 32 80
Date of establishment: 1936
Status: University library
Conditions of access: Open to all, without conditions.
Opening hours: 09:00–17:00, weekdays.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 14,811 (8,004 Arabic; 926 Persian; 5,801 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in special sections. Most are in fairly good condition, but some are holed and have begun to disintegrate, or have been damaged in various ways as a result of humidity, microbiological factors and lack of care. They need repairing.
The library contains the following collections: İsmail Sâib, Muzaffer OZAK, Mustafa Con and Universite Müteferrik. Of these, the İsmail Sâib collection is very important for the study of Islam and Islamic sciences. The library also holds some magnificent old and unique MSS.
This collection covers the following subjects: Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, Islamic law, mathematics, astronomy, fiqh, Hadith, biography, philosophy, geography, language, literature and history.


Published catalogues: 1949–50. See Union catalogue by Ritter.


1956–57. See Union catalogue by Togan.

Unpublished catalogues:


Handwritten registers.
Card indexes (alphabetical).
Ankara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Kütüphanesi

06500 Beşevler, Ankara
Tel.: 9-4-212 68 00
Date of establishment: 1949
Status: University library
Conditions of access: Foreign readers should apply to the Faculty authorities beforehand.
Open Mon. – Fri. 08:30 – 17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 2,000 (Arabic; Persian; Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in wooden cupboards. Most are in moderate condition, but some have been totally or partly damaged by humidity, lack of care, over-use and microbiological factors. Most of them have begun to disintegrate and need repairing.

The majority of MSS in this library are Arabic, and most of the rest are Turkish. Religious subjects predominate, such as fiqh, exegesis, Hadith, infiṣr, belief, Arabic grammar, history and Sufism. Most of them are apparently undated and of recent origin. There might be some important MSS among them, but for the most part they seem to be ordinary students’ textbooks.

Unpublished catalogues:
List of 276 MSS (only).

Cumhurbaşkanlığı (Presidential Library)

Bakanlıklar, Ankara
Status: Governmental

Published catalogues:
Detailed descriptions of 34 Turkish and Arabic MSS.

Diyanet İşleri Başkanlığı Kütüphanesi

Dr Medha Ekdem Sok., Kocatepe Camii altı, Ankara
Tel.: 9-4-425 66 11

Date of establishment: 1928
Status: Governmental
Conditions of access: Open to the public, without conditions.
Opening hours: weekdays, 08:30 – 17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 4,800 (Arabic; Persian; Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in closed book-cases. Most of them are in fairly good condition although some are damaged or have begun to disintegrate.

Most of the MSS held in this library are in Arabic and concern Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, exegesis, Hadith, belief, Arabic grammar, language, literature, history and Sufism.

The majority seem to have been copied recently, but there are some old and important items, including: 1) Al-Kashefi fi al-baq'ī 'an al-tanzīl (dated 706/1306), by Abū 'l-Qasim Māhmūd al-Zamakhsharī, No. 133; 2) Iḥām al-akhbār fi sharh Abūdīth Sayyīd al-Anām (dated 762/1361), by lsmā'īl Ibn al-Athīr al-Ḥalābī, No. 242; 3) Mā'ālik al-Sunna (dated 735/1334), by Abū Muḥammad al-Husayn b. Mas'ūd al-Baghawī, with beautiful naskhī script. No. 279.

Published catalogue:

Classified catalogue of 505 MSS, arranged as follows: Logic and philosophy (MSS 1–3); Islamic religion in general (MSS 4–11); Qur’ān and Qur’ānic sciences (MSS 12–56); Tafsīr (MSS 57–147); Hadith and Ḥadīth literature (MSS 148–225); Religious doctrines and fiqh (MSS 226–477); Ethics and Sufism (MSS 478–491); History of Islam and biography of the Prophet (MSS 492–497); Arabic grammar and literature (MSS 498–505).

The catalogue gives the title, full name of the author, incipit and explicit, information about the date of acquisition, whether it is damaged or not, style of script and its characteristics, information about the抄ist and the date on which the copy was completed, the dimensions, number of folios and lines, type of paper and ink, size, state of preservation, additional remarks, classmarks, catalogue numbers and reference numbers. Indexes of titles and authors.
Unpublished catalogue:
Card index of 1,128 MSS (only).

Milli Kütüphane (National Library)

06490 Bahcelievler, Ankara
Tel.: 4-212 82 00
Date of establishment: 1946
Status: National library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open Mon.–Fri. 09:00–17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 8,813.
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. As most of the MSS have been collected from different parts of Turkey, a large number have been damaged because of lack of care, microbiological factors, humidity and other reasons. Most of the MSS are holed and have begun to disintegrate. They need repairing.

Most of the MSS are in Arabic and Turkish, but not of great value. They cover Qur'anic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, Hadith, exegesis, Sufism, geography, language, literature and history.

Important MSS include: 1) Divan-i Râbi-ye Baghdadî (autograph), by 'Uthmân Râbi al-Baghdâdî (died 1014/1605). No. FB 469.

Published catalogue:

Classified catalogue, giving full descriptions (title, catalogue and library number, incipit, date of copying, language, script, dimensions, number of lines and folios, type of paper, explicit, binding, type of ink, name of copyist, information about the date of acquis-

Unpublished catalogues:
Card catalogues.
Inventory book.

Türk Dil Kurumu Kütüphanesi

Atatürk Bulvarı 217, 06680 Kavaklidere/Ankara
Tel.: 9-4-42 86 100
Date of establishment: 1932
Status: Research library (governmental)
Conditions of access: No permission required.

Open weekdays, 09:00–17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 628 (mostly Arabic; some Persian; some Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in special glass-fronted book-cases. Most are in good condition, but some have been damaged and begun to disintegrate.

Most of the MSS held in this library concern religious subjects, exegesis, tafsîr, fiqh, Hadith, Turkish language and literature, Arabic grammar and history. The majority seem to have been copied recently and are of no special importance.

Unpublished catalogue:
All MSS are recorded on card indexes in alphabetical order.

Türk Tarih Kurumu Kütüphanesi

Kızılay Sok. 1, 06050 Şişliye, Ankara
Tel.: 4-310 23 68
Date of establishment: 1931
Status: Specialised research library
Conditions of access: Application should be made in advance to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Open Mon.–Fri. 09:15–17:00.
**Total number of Islamic MSS:** 1,076 (137 Arabic; 30 Persian; 876 Turkish; 33 various).

**Description of collection:** All the MSS are kept in closed book-cases in a special room. Most are in good condition but some of them are holed and have begun to disintegrate. Others have been damaged in various ways as a result of humidity, microbiological factors and other causes. They need repairing.

This library contains some unique MSS and others of historical significance, as well as the important collection of Muḥammad Tāwīt al-Ṭanṭāwī. The texts cover Qur’ānic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, philosophy, lexicography, biography, language, literature, geography and history.


**Unpublished catalogues:**

Card catalogue and indexes.

Handwritten list of Muḥammad Tāwīt al-Ṭanṭāwī’s MSS.

**Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi Kütüphanesi** (Library of the Turkish National Assembly)

Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi, Ankara
Tel.: 9-4-223 13 25
**Date of establishment:** 1920
**Status:** Parliament library

**Conditions of access:** On application to the Presidency of the Assembly beforehand.

Open weekdays, 09:00–17:00.

**Total number of Islamic MSS:** 104 (some Arabic; some Persian; mostly Turkish).

**Description of collection:** All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most are in fairly good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate. Most of the texts cover Turkish history, literature, language, general history and Arabic grammar. The majority of the MSS seem to have been copied recently and are of no special importance.

**Published catalogue:**


**Detailed descriptions of MSS:**

**Unpublished catalogue:**

All MSS are recorded and listed on card indexes and in a handwritten register.

**ANTALYA**

Antalya Müzesi

Konyaaltı, Cadd.
Tel.: 11-53-86
**Date of establishment:** 1922
**Status:** Public museum

**Published catalogue:**


Includes detailed descriptions of a number of MSS, mostly Qur’āns, in this museum.

**Tekelioğlu İl Halk Kütüphanesi**

The 997 MSS belonging to this library are deposited in the Süleymaniye Kütüphanesi, Istanbul (q.v.).

**ARDEŞEN**

İlçe Halk Kütüphanesi

Ardeşen, Rize
**Status:** Public library
BALIKESİR
II Halk Kütüphanesi

Eski Kuyumcular Mah. Sâlih Tozan Cad. 13/A, 10100 Balıkesir
Tel.: 9-66-43 04 12
Date of establishment: 1901
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open 08:30–17:30 Mon. – Fri. (also Sat. in school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,537 (1,096 Arabic; 4 Persian; 437 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most are in good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate due to neglect, lack of care, humidity and microbiological factors.

Most of the texts concern Qur'anic and Islamic studies, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, Arabic grammar, language, beliefs, history and Sufism.


Unpublished catalogues:
All MSS are registered in handwritten registers and systematic card indexes.

BOR

Bolu II Halk Kütüphanesi

Kültür Merkezi, Bolu
Tel.: 9-461-51 125

Date of establishment: 1951
Status: See Union catalogue above for brief descriptions (titles,
names and deaths of authors, dates, folios, sizes and dimensions) of six important MSS in this library.

Unpublished catalogue:
All MSS have been systematically and alphabetically classified and catalogued.

BURDUR
İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Kültür Sarayı Kat. 3, Burdur
Tel.: 325-13389
Date of establishment: 1955
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open June–August, Mon.–Fri., 08:30–18:00; September–May, Mon.–Sat., 08:00–17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,312 (2,027 Arabic; 57 Persian; 232 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most are in fair condition, but some are damaged and in urgent need of repair. There are some decorated, historical and very old MSS.

The collection includes the following subjects: Qur’anic and Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, Sufism, language, literature, Islamic philosophy, geography and history. Some MSS are early copies; others are illuminated.


Published catalogue:
1948. See Union catalogue by Atas.
Ahmad Da’ı. *Orhan 1196*. Ownership inscription of Sultan Bayezid II.

*Published catalogues:*


Brief descriptions (title, language, name and death of author, date of compilation, date of copying, number of folios, sizes and dimensions) of 757 important MSS.


Includes full descriptions of 10 MSS in this Library.


Divided into two parts, the first including the preface and descriptions of 439 MSS (476 items) and the second giving descriptions of 119 mûnâvîs (347 items) and indexes of titles and authors. This descriptive and analytical catalogue of Persian MSS in Bursa gives general description (script, binding, design, condition, number of folios, size of page and jadwal, paper, ink, dâctus, dimensions, year of composition, date on which the copy was completed, incipit and explicit, commentary whether the work is published or not, number of lines, information about copyright for 558 MSS (823 items). Indexes of titles and names of authors and other persons.

*Unpublished catalogues:*


Registers (handwritten) systematically recording all MSS.
Card indexes (alphabetical).

ÇANKIRI
Çankırı İl Halk Kütüphanesi
Tel.: 467-10208
Date of establishment: 1925
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open Mon.–Fri., 08:30–17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,128 (996 Arabic; 83 Persian; 49 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most are in good condition, but some have been damaged because of lack of maintenance, cleaning and humidity. They need repairing.
Most of the texts concern Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, grammar, language, literature, geography, lexicography and history.
Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card index.

ÇORUM
Çorum İl Halk Kütüphanesi
Bahçelevler Mah. 1. sok. 3/6, 19200 Çorum
Tel.: 469-18323

Date of establishment: 1956
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open September–May, 08:30–18:00, Mon.–Sat.; June–August, 08:30–18:00, Mon.–Fri.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3,494 (2,891 Arabic; 48 Persian; 555 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in special rooms. Most are in fair condition, but some are partially damaged because of lack of maintenance and cleaning; others are holed and have begun to disintegrate.
Most of the texts concern Qur’anic studies, exegesis, Islamic sciences, fiqh, Sufism, Hadith, lexicography, language, literature and history.
Among the important MSS are: 1) Miṣbah Sharh al-Miṣbah li-l-Muḥarrarī (dated 659/1261), by Taṣ al-Dīn Muḥammad al-Isfahānī. No. 2753; 2) Sharh al-Mubayyad (dated 666/1268–69), by Naṣr al-Dīn Aḥmad b. Kāẓim. No. 908. This manuscript was collated with the author’s original. 3) Qala al-ugyān wa-maḥāsin as-dawān (dated 692/1293), by Aḥmad al-Fāthi b. Muḥammad b. ʿUbayd Allāh b. Ḥakīm al-Qāsī. No. 1176.
For a brief history and survey of the collection, see 1967. Article by Dürrch (under Union catalogues above).

Published catalogues:
Very detailed descriptions of 4 Turkish MSS in Çorum and 5 then in Yozgat (now in the Süleymaniye in Istanbul, q.v.).

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card indexes (alphabetical).
DARENDE

Darende Mehmet Paşa Halk Kütüphanesi

Darende, Malatya
Tel.: 9-8283-1069
Date of establishment: 1778
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open: 08:30–17:30, Mon. – Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 673 (616 Arabic; 42 Persian; 15 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most are in fairly good condition, but some have been damaged as a result of neglect and over-use.
Most of the texts concern Qur'anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, Arabic grammar and history.
Published catalogue:
In preparation.

Unpublished catalogues:
Registers for all MSS held.
Cards for titles and authors.

DIYARBAKIR

Chaldean Archbishop's library

The Christian Arabic MSS previously here were transferred to the Chaldean Bishop's library in Mardin (q.v.).

See

DIYARBAKIR Halk Kütüphanesi

Tel.: 9-83-22 31 54
Date of establishment: 1919
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open: 08:30–17:30 Mon. – Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3,001 (1,829 Arabic; 51 Persian; 1,321 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most have been damaged and begun to disintegrate as a result of humidity, microbiological factors and neglect. A small number have deteriorated to the point of illegibility.
Most of the texts concern Qur'anic and Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, grammar, language, literature, geography, history, astronomy and Sufism.
Among the important MSS are: 1) Ikṣīr al-dhāhin fi 'ilm al-nasab (dated 16th/17th century), by Rukn al-Dīn Abū Muḥammad al-Ḥasan ibn al-Ḥusayn. No. 2491; 2) Kith Makhārim al-akhlāq (dated 690/1291), by Burāq al-Dīn Abū Ḥādi Muḥammad al-Nasafi (died 687/1288). No. 1868/II. This seems to be a unique copy. 3) Kith Tarīqim al-jallāt al-jallāh wa-asyākh al-sīliy al-'Allāya (dated 879/1474), by Shihāb al-Dīn Abū l-Ḥusayn Ahmad al-Ḥusaynī al-Dimvātī. No. 2109/I. This seems to be a unique copy.

Published catalogue:
The compiler gives the reference numbers, titles, the full names of the authors (with dates of their deaths), incipits, explicitis, number of parts, number of folios, dimensions, style of script and name of copyist (if known) of 7 Islamic MSS (25 items).
Descriptions of 50 Turkish MSS.

Descriptions of 27 Turkish literary MSS, of which 26 are repeated from the 1979 catalogue above.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers in which all MSS are recorded. Unreliable.

EDİRNE

Selimiye İl Halk Küütphanesi

Tel.: 181-11649

Date of establishment: 1575 (İl Halk Küütphanesi 1952)

Status: Public library

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open Mon.–Fri. 08:30–17:30 (also Sat., September–May).

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3,309 (2,701 Arabic; 125 Persian; 469 Turkish; 14 others).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are kept on shelves in wooden cupboards in a special room in the Selimiye mosque and the rest in a special room in the new library building. A significant number have been damaged as a result of humidity, microbiological factors and lack of care and cleaning. Some have begun to disintegrate.

The texts include Qur’āns and works on exegesis, Hadith, fiqh, biography, Sufism, Islamic law, literature, grammar, language and history.

Important MSS include: 1) Tālibat al-talab (dated 538/1143), by NAJİM AL-DİN ABRU ʿHAFİR ʿUMAR AL-NASARIO. No. 160/1; 2) Al-fāqir al-Saḥibī (dated 531/1136), by Ābu ʿABD ALLAH MUḤAMMAD AL-HUMAYDĪ. No. 4844. Fully vocalised nasṭẖ script. 3) Muḥammad ʿAṣaʾid b. ʿAbd al-Rażīq al-Baṣrī (autograph copy, dated 881/1477),

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers in which all MSS are systematically recorded.

EDREMİT

Muzaffer Akpınar Halk Küütphanesi

Tel.: 9-671-27 32

Date of establishment: 1960

Status: Public library

Conditions of access: Open to the public.

Opening hours: same as other public libraries.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 53 (35 Arabic; 1 Persian; 17 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in a special book-case. Most have been damaged and begun to disintegrate: they need restoration. Of the MSS are on religious sciences, beliefs, fıkẖ, exegesis, Hadith, Arabic grammar etc.

Unpublished catalogues:
Card catalogue arranged alphabetically by authors and titles.

by KAMİL AL-DİN ʿABD AL-RUZZĀQ B. JALĀL AL-DİN ʿISḤĀQ AL-SAMARQANDĪ. No. 4691. Persian.

Published catalogues:


Descriptions of 61 Turkish MSS.
ELAZIĞ
Elazığ İl Halk Kütüphanesi

The 101 MSS formerly held in this library have been transferred to Millî Kütüphane (National Library) in Ankara (q.v.).

ELMALI
Elmalı Halk Kütüphanesi

Elmalı, Antalya
Tel.: 9-3228-10 74
Date of establishment: 1926
Status: Public library

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open 08:30–17:30 Mon.–Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 697 (586 Arabic; 10 Persian; 101 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves and stored in a special room. Most are in fairly good condition, but some have been damaged as a result of neglect and over-use. Some have begun to disintegrate.

Most of the texts concern Qur'anic studies, Islamic sciences, Arabic grammar, language, literature, history and Sufism.


Published catalogues:
1948. See Union catalogue by Ateş.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card indexes (alphabetical).

ERZURUM
Atatürk Üniversitesi Kütüphanesi

Atatürk Üniversitesi Kütüphanesi ve Dökümantasyon Bakanlığı, Erzurum
Tel.: 011-180 18, 011-141 20
Date of establishment: 1938
Status: University library

Conditions of access: Open to the public, weekdays 08:00–17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,573 (mostly Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special section. Most are in fairly good condition, but some are holed and have begun to disintegrate. They need repairing.

This collection consists mostly of Turkish literature and language, Qur'anic and Islamic sciences, fiqh and history.

Published catalogue:
4 vols. in 2.

Unpublished catalogue:
Card catalogue.

Erzurum İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Yoncalık Mahalles, Ali Râfat Caddesi, Erzurum
Tel.: 9-011-86 811
Date of establishment: 1940
Status: Public library

Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 546 (401 Arabic; 94 Persian; 51 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. Most are in good condition, but some have been damaged and begun to disintegrate as a result of neglect, lack of care, humidity and microbiological factors.
Most of the texts concern Islamic studies, religious sciences, history, geography, fiqh, tafsir and Arabic grammar.

Among the important MSS are: 1) *faṣūliyya; al-asrār fi Sharḥ Matla` al-asrār* (dated 791/1389), by Qutb al-Dīn Muḥammad al-Rāzī. No. 3394; 2) *Al-Tayīr fi qiṣāṣ at as-sabīr* (dated 947/1540), by Abū ʿAmr Uthmān b. Sa`īd al-Dāni. No. 3563/1.

Unpublished catalogues:
All MSS are recorded on cards by authors and titles.

**ESKİSEHIR**

Eskişehir İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Tel.: 9-22-30 13 69
Date of establishment: 1926
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,111 (956 Arabic; 14 Persian; 141 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most have been damaged and begun to disintegrate as a result of neglect, humidity and microbiological factors. They need cleaning and repairing.

Most of the texts are on Qur’anic sciences, and religious studies such as fiqh, Hadith, exegesis etc.

An important manuscript is Kūtāb `Uyun al-ma`ārif wa-funūn akhkhār al-khulāṣ (dated 911/1505), by Burhān al-Dīn Abū ʿAbd Allāh Muḥammad b. Ḥakmūn al-Qūfī. No. 729.

Unpublished catalogues:
All MSS are systematically recorded in handwritten registers and card indexes.

**GAZIANTEP**

Gaziantep İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Atatürk Bulvarı, Gaziantep
Tel.: 9-85-31 45 76

Date of establishment: 1955
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 365 (280 Arabic; 45 Persian; 40 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most have been damaged because of neglect, humidity and microbiological factors, but some are in good condition. Most of the texts are on religious sciences, fiqh, exegesis, Hadith and Arabic grammar.

Unpublished catalogues:
Card catalogue of authors and titles.

**GIRESUN**

Giresun İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Gazi Caddesi 137, Giresun
Tel.: 9-051-11 626
Date of establishment: 1952
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 151 (127 Arabic; 2 Persian; 22 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most have been damaged and some have begun to disintegrate. Most of the texts are on religious studies, fiqh, exegesis, Hadith, beliefs, Arabic grammar and history. The majority of MSS seem to have been copied recently and are of no special importance.

NB: An important collection of Arabic MSS belonging to this library is deposited in the Süleymaniye Kütüphanesi, Istanbul (q.v.). Descriptions of them are given in vol. 2 (1980) of the 1979— Union catalogue.

Unpublished catalogues:
All MSS are recorded in alphabetical card indexes.
GÜLŞEHİR

Karavezir Mehmet Paşa Halk Kütüphanesi

Gülşehir, Nevşehir
Tel.: 9-4866-30 10
Date of establishment: 1777
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open Mon.–Fri. 08:30–17:30 (also Sat. in school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 334 (mostly Arabic; few Persian; few Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. Most are in good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate. They need repairing.
Most of the texts are on Qur’anic and Islamic studies, fiqh, exegesis, Hadith, grammar, literature, history.

Published catalogue: 1951. See Union catalogue (Une liste . . .), p. 562, for details of nine important Islamic MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, on which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card indexes (alphabetical).

TÜRKİYE—GÜRÜN

Date of establishment: 1847
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 77 (38 Arabic; 7 Persian; 12 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in a book-case. Most are damaged.

Unpublished catalogue: Card indexes in which all MSS are systematically recorded in alphabetical order.

İSKİLİP

İskilip Halk Kütüphanesi

Ebussudoğlu Efendi Cad., İskilip, Çorum
Tel.: 4698-1185
Date of establishment: 1924
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open Mon.–Fri. 08:30–15:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 526 (481 Arabic; 12 Persian; 33 Turkish).
Description of collection: All MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most are in fair condition, but some of them are damaged and in need of repair.
Most of the texts concern Qur’anic and Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, lexicography, language, literature and history.

Unpublished catalogues:
All MSS are recorded and listed in handwritten registers and card-indexes.
ISPARTA

Halil Hamit Paşa İl Halk Kütüphanesi

İstiklal Mahallesi, 6 Mart Atatürk Caddesi 19, İsparta
Tel.: 9-327-82295
Date of establishment: 1783
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open Mon. – Fri. 08:30-17:30 (also Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 856 (739 Arabic; 19 Persian; 78 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves and stored in a special depot. Most are in fair condition, but some have begun to disintegrate and are in need of repair.

Most of the texts concern Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh and hadith.


Unpublished catalogue:
All MSS and their authors are recorded and listed in alphabetical card indexes.

ISTANBUL

General

For surveys and catalogues of more than two collections, see under UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS above.

Arkeoloji Müzeleri İhtisas Kütüphanesi

Osman Hamdi Bey Yokuşu, Gülhane, Eminönü–İstanbul
Tel.: 520 77 40—520 77 41

Date of establishment: 1902
Status: Specialised museum library (governmental)
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open Mon. – Fri. 08:30 – 17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,116 (633 Arabic; 179 Persian; 1,304 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in book-cases in a special room. Most are in good condition, but some are damaged and have begun to disintegrate. They need repairing. This library is important for the study of Turkish history, language and literature. It also contains some old, rare and artistic MSS.

Most of the texts concern Qur’anic studies, Islamic studies, biography, geography, literature, language, fiqh, hadith, lexicography and history.


Unpublished catalogue:
Card catalogue.

Atatürk Kitaplığı

Mete Caddesi 45, Taksim-İstanbul
Tel.: 249 56 83—249 09 45
Date of establishment: 1929
Status: Public municipal library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, application should be made to the Turkish Embassy beforehand.

Open Mon. – Fri., 09:00 – 17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4,138 (258 Arabic; 44 Persian; 3,836 Turkish).
Description of collection: This library consists of three collections: 1) Muallim Cevdet, 2) Osman Ergin, 3) Belediye. All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. Most are in good condition, but some are holed and have begun to disintegrate, or are otherwise damaged and in need of repair.

This library is important for the study of Turkish history, language, and literature, and there are some significant and unique MSS in it. The texts cover Qur'anic studies, Islamic sciences, history, language, literature, Sufism, and art history.


See 1974. Belediye Kütüphanesi. By Cevdet Türkay. Belgelele Türk Tarihı Dergisi 14 / 82-84, pp. 70-


Brief descriptions (name of author, title, subject, dimensions, number of folios and lines, style of script, language, date of the author’s death, date of compilation if known, serial numbers and catalogue and library numbers) of 712 MSS. Arranged in alphabetical order of authors. Indexes of titles, persons and terms.


Card catalogue, with indexes.

Atif Efendi Kütüphanesi

Vefa Cad. 44, Eminönü-Istanbul
Tel.: 527 38 07
Date of establishment: 1741
Status: Public, affiliated to the Suleymaniye
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.

Open 08:30 – 17:30 Mon. – Fri. (Tue. – Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5,228 (2,615 Arabic; 95 Persian; 518 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. Most are in fairly good condition, but some of them are holed and have begun to disintegrate. They need repairing. This library seems to be important for the study of Islamic sciences and Qur'anic studies. The collection contains some very old, unique, rare and artistic MSS.

Most of the texts are Qur’ans and works on Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, Sufism, biography, mathematics, astronomy, philosophy, language, literature and history.


Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, heading and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 2,677 MSS.

Includes list of MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:
[Source: Birnbaum 1984, p. 476, n. 377.]

[Source: Birnbaum 1984, p. 476, n. 376.]

Bayezid Devlet Küütphanesi

İmaret Sok. 18–20, Beyazıt, Istanbul
Tel.: 522 31 67, 522 24 88, 519 38 83. Fax: 526 11 33
Date of establishment: 1884
Status: State library (Ministry of Culture)
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open Mon.–Fri. 08:30–21:00. No MSS fetched after 16:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 11,120 (9,107 Arabic; 443 Persian; 1,569 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in a special depot on steel shelves. Most are in fair condition, but some are damaged or have begun to disintegrate.
This library contains a large number of magnificent old, rare, gilded, illuminated, ornamented and finely bound MSS. There are also some unique items. This collection is very important for the study of Islamic sciences in general.
Most of the texts are Qur’ans and works on Qur’anic and Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, Sufism, mathematics, astronomy, biography, philosophy, geography, language, literature and history.

See

Among the important MSS are: 1) Şerh al-Fuṣūṣ li-Ahî Naṣr Muḥammad al-Fārābî fi ‘l-Ḥikma (autograph copy, dated 894/1489), by İsmâîl al-Husaynî al-Farâbî; No. 3974; 2) Defer-i Şârîn (dated 1151/1738), by Mîrza Muḥammad Şârî-i Tabrizî. No. 16277. Persian. A very beautiful copy.

Published catalogues:
Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, heading and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of about 4,000 MSS.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, heading and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 3,255 MSS.
1893. Defter-i Kara Mustafa Paşa... Kütüphaneleri. See under Süleymanîye Kütüphanesi below.


Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card indexes (alphabetical).

Dâvûdî (Husayn)

Status: Private

Published catalogues:

Deniz Müzesi ve Arşivi Kütüphanesi (Library of the Naval Museum and Archive)

Deniz Müzesi, Beşiktas, Istanbul
Tel.: 9-1-261 00 40
Date of establishment: 1948
Status: Museum library (military)

Conditions of access: Special permission should be obtained from the Museum authorities beforehand.

Open weekdays, 08:30–17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 127 (7 Arabic; 2 Persian; 118 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases and most of them are in good condition.

Most of the texts concern astronomy, geography, mathematics, oceanography and other physical sciences.


Published catalogue:
Under preparation.

Unpublished catalogue:
Card catalogue.

Divan Edebiyatı Müzesi: Hâlet Said Efendi İhtisas Kütüphanesi

Gâlib Dede Sok. 15, Tünel-Beyoğlu, İstanbul
Tel.: 9-1-245 41–41-245 50 45
Date of establishment: 1819
Status: Public (governmental)

Conditions of access: Open to specialists, Mon.–Fri. 09:00–17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 228 (17 Arabic; 27 Persian; 170 Turkish; 9 Persian/Turkish; 4 Persian/Arabic; 1 Turkish/Arabic).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in a special depot. Most are in good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate because of neglect, humidity, microbiological and other different factors.

Most of the texts are Turkish and Persian literature and Sufi works.

Published catalogue:
Istanbul: Türkiye Turing ve Otomobil Kurumu.
Specific information on MSS, pp. 31 & 71–72.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are recorded. Unreliable.

Haci Selim Ağa Kütüphanesi

Selâmsız Caddesi 12, Üsküdar-Istanbul
Tel.: 1-3410604
Date of establishment: 1781
Status: Public (Ministry of Culture)
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be given by the Ministry of Culture.
Open Mon. – Fri., 08:30 – 17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,952 (2,226 Arabic; 131 Persian; 595 Turkish).
Description of collection: The library contains the Haci Selim Ağa, Hüdayı, Kemânkes, Nurlan Sultân and Yakub Ağa collections.
All MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most of the MSS are in very good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate.
Most of the texts are Qur'âns and works on Qur'anic and Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, hadith, sufism, philosophy, grammar, language, literature, geography, lexicography and history.
Among the important MSS are: 1) Qur'ân (dated 992/1584), written by Hâji Ghiyât al-Dîn Muhammed b. Ahmad al-Khalîlî al-Târîkî, in râshidî script of remarkable artistic merit. No. 17 (Hüdayi); 2) Qur'ân (dated 1024/1615), written by Muhammed al-Daftârî, in large naskhî script. Fine ornamentation, illumination, gilding and binding. No. 23 (Hüdayi); 3) Rasmâdât al-abhâb fi sirât al-Nabî wa-’l-Âl wa-’l-Arâfâh (dated 985/1577), by Jamûl al-Dîn ’Âtâ’ ALLAH b. FAÎD ALLAH al-Shîrâzî al-Nisâbûrî. No. 794 (Haci Selim Ağa). In Persian, with artistic ornamentation, illumination, gilding and binding.

Published catalogues:

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, heading and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 856 MSS and printed books.


Unpublished catalogues:
Card catalogues and indexes.

İbrahim Hakki Konyalı Vaif Küttûphane ve Arşivi

Selimiye Kuşla Caddesi 56, Üsküdar/Istanbul
Tel.: 9-1-342 93 70
Date of establishment: 1979
Status: Private (endowment)
Conditions of access: By applying to the directorate at the above address beforehand.
Open weekdays 09:00 – 17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 714 (445 Arabic; 22 Persian; 247 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on wooden shelves in a special room. Most are usable and legible. However, some show signs of wear and a small number have started to disintegrate.
Others have been damaged because of neglect, lack of cleaning, humidity and microbiological factors. Generally this collection needs treatment, cleaning and restoration.

The subjects covered by these MSS are as follows: history, local history of Turkey, geography, literature, language, Sufism, fiqh, anthologies of poetry, lexicography, medicine and astronomy. Most are undated and seem generally to be of recent origin.

Unpublished catalogue:
Card catalogue by author and title.

Iranian Consulate

Published catalogue:
List of titles of 1 Turkish and 16 Persian MSS.

İstanbul Üniversitesi Cerrahpaşa Tıp Fakültesi, Deontoloji ve Tıp Tarihi Kütüphanesi

İstanbul Üniversitesi, Cerrahpaşa Tıp Fakültesi, Cerrahpaşa, İstanbul
Tel.: 9-1-588 48 00/1575
Date of establishment: 1967
Status: University departmental library
Conditions of access: No permission required.
Open weekdays 09:00 – 17:00.

Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 675 (Arabic, Persian, Turkish).

Description of collection: Most of the MSS are in good condition and are kept in special book-cases. Some have been damaged and have begun to disintegrate as a result of neglect, humidity, microbiological factors and other reasons.

Most of the texts are on medical and Islamic sciences.


Published catalogue:
1984. See Union catalogue by ŞEŞEN, AKPINAR & İZO."

Published catalogues:


Detailed descriptions of 48 Arabic, Persian & Turkish MSS, with particular reference to their miniatures. Indexes of titles and names.


Full descriptions (title, language, subject, name and date of death of author, style of script, date of copying, name of scribe, heading and illuminations, incipit and explicit, information about the date of acquisition, whether damaged or not, dimensions of folios and jadvals, number of folios and lines, year of composition, information about the cover and binding, type of paper and ink, additional remarks, state of preservation, detailed information about the contents, marginal notes, information on whether the work is published or not, class-marks, catalogue number, indexes of personal and geographical names and of titles, all reference numbers) of 1,028 MSS (Qur’ans and works of Tâfir and Qur’anic studies).


Almost a literary history of Iran, in which the compiler not only describes Persian poetical MSS in two libraries, but also gives full information about the life of every author and about each work: whether it is published or not, details of studies or surveys of the author or his work, other copies of the same work in other libraries in the world, with catalogue numbers etc.

The compiler gives full descriptions (name of author and title, date of author’s death, date of compilation, detailed information about contents, incipit and explicit, style of script, date of copying, name of scribe, heading and illuminations, marginal notes and additional remarks, number of folios and lines, size of folios and jadvals, information about cover and binding, folio number of miniatures (if any), dimensions, year of composition, state of preservation, title and author indexes, class-marks and catalogue numbers, reference numbers) of 803 MSS (893 items).

Unpublished catalogues:


Registers of all MSS.
Card indexes.
See BERNBAUM 1984, p. 481.

İstanbul Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi Deontoloji ve Tib Tarihi Kütüphanesi

İstanbul Üniversitesi, Beyazıt, Istanbul
Tel.: 9-1-323 85 31
Date of establishment: 1933
Status: University departmental library
Conditions of access: Open to all; weekdays 09:00–17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 73 (3 Persian; 70 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most are in good condition, but some have been damaged and begun to disintegrate as a result of humidity, neglect and microbiological factors. Most of the texts concern medical studies. All seem to have been copied recently.

Published catalogue:
1984. See Union catalogue by ŞEŞEN, ARPINAR & İZCI.


Kandilli Rasathanesi Kütüphanesi

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Kandilli Deprem Araştırma Enstitüsü Müdürlüğü, Çengelköy-İstanbul
Tel.: 9-1-308 05 11-25
Date of establishment: 1911
Status: University institute library
Conditions of access: Only an identification card required.
Open weekdays 09:00 – 17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 424 (300 Arabic; 17 Persian; 107 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most are in good condition, but some have been damaged as a result of humidity, lack of care and maintenance, and microbiological factors. Some are holed and have begun to disintegrate. Most of the texts concern astronomical, astrological, geometrical and mathematical studies.

Among the important MSS are: 1) Risālah-i Uṣūrāb (dated 999/1591), by Nāṣīr al-Dīn Tūsī (died 672/1274). No. 18. Persian. 2) Tahār-i Uqlidīs (dated 928/1522), by Nāṣīr al-Dīn Tūsī. No. 81. Persian recension of EUCLED.

Published catalogues:


Full descriptions (title, language, name of author, some information about content, style of script, date of copying, name of scribe, cover and binding, number of folios and lines, type of paper and dimensions) of 150 MSS.


Brief descriptions (title, subject, some information about content, style of script, marginal notes, number of folios and lines, type of paper and dimensions) of 271 MS. calendars & almanacs.


Full descriptions (title, language, name of author, some information about the content, style of script, date of copying, name of scribe, cover and binding, number of folios and lines, type of paper and dimensions) of 424 MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:
All MSS are recorded on card indexes.

Köprülü Kütüphanesi

Divanyolu Cad. 29, Çemberliy, İstanbul
Tel.: 1-516 83 13
Date of establishment: 1661
Status: Public, affiliated to the Süleymaniye Library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open 08:30 – 17:30 Mon. – Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3,047 (3,284 Arabic; 139 Persian; 424 Turkish).

Description of collection: The library contains three principal collections: 1) Köprülü Fâzîl Ahmed Paşa; 2) Köprülü-zâde Hâcî Hâfiz Ahmed Paşa; 3) Köprülü-zâde Mehmed Âsim Bey. All these
MSS are kept in closed book-cases in the reading room. Most are in good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate. Others have been damaged in various ways as a result of humidity, microbiological factors and lack of care. They need cleaning.

The library contains a large number of magnificent old and unique MSS. It is also very important for Qur’anic and Islamic sciences, with MSS on the following subjects: Qur’ans, Qur’anic studies, exegesis, Islamic sciences, mathematics, astronomy, fisih, Hadith, biography, philosophy, geography, language, literature and history.


Published catalogues:

Brief description (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, heading and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 2,775 MSS.


Millet Kütüphanesi

Macar Karteşler Cad. 85, Fatih-İstanbul
Tel.: 521 21 40–525 10 82
Date of establishment: 1916
Status: Public (Ministry of Culture)
Conditions of access: Same as the other public libraries.
Open: 08.30–17.30, Mon.–Fri. (Tue.–Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 8,765 (5,728 Arabic; 509 Persian; 2,528 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in special rooms. Most are in very good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate, or have otherwise been damaged. This library contains a large number of magnificent, old, rare, gilded, illuminated, ornamented and finely bound MSS, as well as some unique items.
The library consists of two collections: a) Feyzullah Efendi; b) Ali Emir Efendi. The former is very important, especially for Qur'anic and Islamic studies, and the latter is of particular significance for the history of Turkish language and literature and of Turkey generally. Other subjects include biography, mathematics, philosophy and geography.
The Ali Emir Efendi Collection has been classified according to subjects and numbered.
For a general description of the collection, see

Published catalogues:
Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, heading and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 2,270 MSS.


Unpublished catalogues:
Card catalogue.
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
List of 4,716 Arabic, Persian & Turkish books and MSS. 94ff. Photographic copy in the Institute of Arab Manuscripts in Cairo.
[Source: ʿAwwāy, 1984, I p. 317, no. 1166.]
Murat Molla Küütüphanesi

Tevkîî Cafer Mahallesi, Murat Molla Cad. 12/14, Çarşamba/ Fatih-İstanbul
Tel.: 1-5216138

Date of establishment: 1775

Status: Public (Ministry of Culture)

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open Mon. – Fri., 08:30 – 15:30.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,337 (2,129 Arabic; 82 Persian; 126 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most are in good condition, but some are partially damaged because of humidity and lack of maintenance. Others are holed and have begun to disintegrate. There are some MSS with decoration, gilding, illumination and historical value.

Most of the texts concern Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, Sufism, Hadith, lexicography, philosophy, grammar, language, literature and history.


Published catalogues:


Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, heading and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 1,853 MSS.


Unpublished catalogues:

Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.

Card indexes (alphabetical).

Nuruosmaniye Küütüphanesi

Nuruosmaniye Camii Aвлusu, Eminönü-İstanbul
Tel.: 527 20 04

Date of establishment: 1755

Status: Public, affiliated to the Süleymaniye

Conditions of access: Some as the other public libraries.

Open: 08:30 – 17:00 (Mon. – Fri. 1 June – 31 August), Tue. – Sat. 1 September – 31 May.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5,025 (3,667 Arabic; 466 Persian; 919 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most are in good condition, but some are holed, have begun to disintegrate and need repairing.

This library is especially important for the Islamic sciences. It contains some very old, rare and artistic MSS.

Most of the texts are Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, Sufism, mathematics, astronomy, geography, philosophy, biography, language, literature and history.


Published catalogues:


This catalogue (defter) gives brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, heading and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 4,875 MSS.

1968. See catalogue of Persian MSS by Ateş under İstanbul Üniversitesi Kütüphanesi above.


Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card catalogue (alphabetical).

Ragıp Paşa Kütüphanesi

Ordu Cadessi 225, Laleli-İstanbul
Tel.: 518 76 79
Date of establishment: 1763
Status: Public, affiliated to the Süleymaniye
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture.
Open: 08:30–17:30 Mon. – Fri. (Tue. – Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,274 (1,165 Arabic; 41 Persian; 68 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most are in fairly good condition, but some of them have been partially damaged, holed or have begun to disintegrate. This library contains a number of old, unique, gilded, illuminated and ornamented MSS, as well as some rarities.
Most of the texts concern Qur'anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, Sufism, mathematics, astronomy, biography, philosophy, geography, language, literature and history.

Published catalogues:

This and the preceding item give brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, heading and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 1,274 MSS.

Detailed descriptions of 8 Arabic MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:
[Source: Birnbaum 1984, p. 476, n. 376.]
Handwritten registers.
Card index (alphabetical).

Süleymaniye Kütüphanesi

Ayye Kadın Hamam Sok. 30, 35, Süleymaniye-Beyazıt, İstanbul
Tel.: 520 64 60; 520 64 61; 520 64 62
Date of establishment: 1557
Status: Manuscript library (Ministry of Culture)
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open: 08:30–17:30 Mon. – Fri. (also Sat. Sep. – May).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 67,571 (50,006 Arabic; 3,544 Persian; 11,978 Turkish).
Description of collection: This library consists of a large number of


different collections. Each has its own serial numbering. Their names are, in alphabetical order:

Amcazade Hüseyin Paşa (439 Arabic, 9 Persian, 8 Turkish)
Antalya Tekelioglu (843 Arabic, 25 Persian, 127 Turkish)
Aşık Efendi (357 Arabic, 20 Persian, 77 Turkish)
Ayasofya (7,265 Arabic, 250 Persian, 1,518 Turkish)
Bağdatlı Vehbi Efendi (1,273 Arabic, 144 Persian, 187 Turkish)
Beşir Ağa (564 Arabic, 5 Persian, 62 Turkish)
Beşir Ağa Eyüp (176 Arabic, 8 Persian, 9 Turkish)
Carullah (2,051 Arabic, 96 Persian, 47 Turkish)
Celâl Ökten (7 Arabic, 2 Persian, 1 Turkish)
Celebi Abdullah (260 Arabic, 24 Persian, 99 Turkish)
Çorlu Ali Paşa (371 Arabic, 4 Persian, 8 Turkish)
Damat İbrahim Paşa (1,094 Arabic, 44 Persian, 33 Turkish)
Darülmesnevi (355 Arabic, 15 Persian, 122 Turkish)
Denizli (447 Arabic, 5 Persian, 28 Turkish)
Diğirmân Baba (98 Arabic, 1 Persian, 105 Turkish)
Efkan Seyh Ali Haydar Efendi (28 Arabic, 3 Turkish)
Esad Efendi (2,397 Arabic, 232 Persian, 1,069 Turkish)
Esad Efendi Medresesi (178 Arabic, 1 Persian, 9 Turkish)
Eyüp Câmi Hz. Hâlid Fâтиh (4,399 Arabic, 383 Persian, 437 Turkish)
Gelibolu Tâhir Efendi (12 Arabic, 5 Persian, 9 Turkish)
Giresun Yazarları (167 Arabic)
Gülnâs Vâlide Sultan (66 Arabic)
Haci Mahmud Efendi (2,354 Arabic, 246 Persian, 1,887 Turkish)
Hacı Reşit Bey (2 Arabic, 17 Turkish)
Hâфиз Ahmed Paşa (35 Arabic, 1 Turkish)
Hafiz Efendi (295 Arabic, 30 Persian, 129 Turkish)
Hafiz Efendi İllavesi (35 Arabic, 1 Persian, 1 Turkish)
Hâlet Efendi (451 Arabic, 79 Persian, 291 Turkish)
Hâlet Efendi İllavesi (117 Arabic, 83 Persian, 110 Turkish)

Hamidiye (1,110 Arabic, 78 Persian, 302 Turkish)
Harpot Yazarları (427 Arabic, 4 Persian, 12 Turkish)
Hasan Hayri ve Abdullah Efendi (76 Arabic, 2 Persian, 64 Turkish)
Hasan Hüsnü Paşa (815 Arabic, 69 Persian, 168 Turkish)
Hasib Efendi Tekkesi (22 Arabic, 2 Persian, 13 Turkish)
Hâşim Paşa (24 Arabic, 10 Persian, 52 Turkish)
Hekimoğlu Ali Paşa (708 Arabic, 87 Persian, 133 Turkish)
Hidiv İsmail Paşa (1 Persian)
Hüseyin Kâzım Bey (3 Arabic, 2 Persian, 5 Turkish)
Hüseyn Paşa (251 Arabic, 39 Persian, 444 Turkish)
İbrahim Efendi (315 Arabic, 4 Persian, 136 Turkish)
İhsan Mahvûl Balkur (8 Turkish)
İsnihan Sultan (453 Arabic, 28 Persian, 40 Turkish)
İyad Mehmed Efendi (2 Arabic)
İzmir Yazarları (535 Arabic, 49 Persian, 312 Turkish)
İzmirli İsmail Hakki (193 Arabic, 6 Persian, 67 Turkish)
İzmirli Mustafa Efendi (5 Arabic)
Kadızâde Burhaneddin (24 Arabic, 2 Persian, 7 Turkish)
Kadızâde Mehmed Efendi (465 Arabic, 44 Persian, 58 Turkish)
Karaçelebiitchedâ Hüsameddin (340 Arabic, 6 Persian, 11 Turkish)
Kasıdeeddâde Suleyman Sürü Efendi (342 Arabic, 8 Persian, 85 Turkish)
Kuç Ali Paşa (919 Arabic, 9 Persian, 59 Turkish)
Lâlâ İsmail Efendi (263 Arabic, 247 Persian, 244 Turkish)
Lâleli (3,414 Arabic, 75 Persian, 221 Turkish)
Mahmud Paşa (351 Arabic, 6 Persian, 2 Turkish)
Mehmed Ağa Çâmii (139 Arabic, 1 Persian, 2 Turkish)
Mehmed Arif and Mehmed Murad (85 Arabic, 52 Persian, 47 Turkish)
Mehmed Hilim and Mehmed Fehmi (195 Arabic, 2 Persian, 55 Turkish)
Meshil Paşa (111 Arabic, 1 Persian, 6 Turkish)
Mihrit Sultan (234 Arabic, 10 Persian, 199 Turkish)
Molla Celebi (135 Arabic, 2 Persian, 9 Turkish)
Muğla Yazarları (220 Arabic, 24 Persian, 65 Turkish)
There are also some unique and autograph copies. The Ayaşofya, Fatih, Esad Efendi, Carullah, Hacı Mahmud Efendi, Hamidiye, Damat İbrahim Paşa and Lâli are collections especially important for the study of Qur’anic and Islamic sciences.

For a useful general account, see


All the MSS are kept on shelves in special rooms in the old medrese. Most are in fairly good condition, but some have been damaged through microbiological factors, lack of maintenance and cleaning, and humidity. Some are holed and have begun to disintegrate.


Published catalogues:


Brief descriptions (as in next item) of 1,171 MSS.


This list, which includes the Lâli İsmail Efendi collection, gives brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, headings and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 2,259 MSS.


Giving the same information as above, the catalogue describes 1,549 MSS, including those in the Turhan Hâtice Sultan and El-İhâc Mustafa Efendi collections.
Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script and headings and illuminations) of 639 MSS then in the Beşir Ağa library near Bab-ı Âli.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script, headings and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 191 MSS then in the Beşir Ağa library at Eyüp.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script, headings and illuminations, number of folios and lines, sometimes information about the content) of 385 MSS.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script, headings and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 5,055 MSS.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script and headings and illuminations) of 2,161 MSS.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name of author, style of script, illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 714 MSS.

The Şeyh Murad MSS are now in the Darülmesnevi collection and the Kalkandeleni Ismail Ağa MSS are in Yavuz Bağlar.

Very brief descriptions (title, subject, sometimes name of author) of 241 MSS.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, date of compilation, style of script, date of copying, headings and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 501 MSS.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script, illuminations and number of folios) of 354 MSS.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script) of 362 MSS, including the now dispersed Nakşidil Vâlide Sultan collection.

The Kara Mustafa Paşa collection is now in Beyazit Devlet Kütûphanesi (g.e.); the Kuyucu Murad Paşa collection is now merged with the Yazma Bağlar collection in the Süleymaniye. This list gives brief descriptions of about 320 MSS.

Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script, date of copying, names of previous owners, number of folios and lines) of 447 MSS.

Very brief descriptions of 1,039 MSS.

Very brief descriptions of 356 MSS.
    Very brief descriptions of 191 MSS.

    Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script and illuminations) of 403 MSS.

    Very brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, style of script, illuminations and number of folios) of 928 MSS.

    Describes very briefly 999 MSS.

    Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name of author, date of compilation and style of script) of 3,777 MSS.

    This list which covers also the İzmirli Mustafa Efendi and Yusuf Ağa collections, gives brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name of author, style of script, date of copying) of 909 MSS.

    Describes briefly (title, language, subject, name of author, style of script and illuminations) 232 MSS.

    Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name of author, sometimes style of script, date of copying, illuminations) of 665 MSS.

    Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name of author, style of script, date of copying, name of scriber, illuminations) of 329 MSS.

    Includes brief descriptions of MSS in the Mehmed Murad, Mehmed Arif and Gelibolu Tahir collections.

    Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name of author, style of script, number of lines and type of paper) of 1,153 MSS.

    Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name and death of author, sometimes date of compilation, style of script, headings and illuminations, number of folios and lines) of 3,719 MSS.

    Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name of author, style of script, illuminations, number of folios) of 5,643 MSS.

    1,052 MSS described very briefly.


1948. See Union catalogue by Atêq for descriptions of MSS in the Tekelioglu Kitapli in Antalya, now deposited in the Suleymaniye.


See also 1984 item below.

With English summary.


Detailed descriptions of the 997 MSS now deposited in the Süleymaniyeh.


Second edition of the 1982 item above. Full descriptions (title, language, subject, name of author, date of birth and death of author, some information about content, date of compilation, information on the life and works of author, incipit, explicit, sample facsimiles, style of script, date of copying, headings and illuminations, impressions of seals, name of previous owner, marginal notes and remarks, number of folios and lines, cover and binding, type of paper and ink, dimensions) of 375 MSS.


Detailed catalogue, arranged by author.


Detailed descriptions of 630 works. Indexes of names and titles.


Brief descriptions (title, name of author, language, subject, dimensions, number of folios and lines, name of scribe, date of copying, date of compilation, library and serial number) of 429 works.

Unpublished catalogues:


[Source: Birnbaum 1984, p. 476, n. 375.]


List of MS. works, by title, covering A–D.


Card indexes of all MSS.

Tercüman Gazetesi Küttubahnesi

Davutpaşa Caddesi 115, Topkapı, İstanbul
Tel.: 9-1-577 91 81/365-366
Date of establishment: 1974–75
Status: Private
Conditions of access: Open without conditions, weekdays 09:00–17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 694 (220 Arabic & Persian; 474 Turkish & Greek).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in a special depot. Most are in good condition, but some have been damaged and begun to disintegrate as a result of neglect, humidity, lack of cleaning and microbiological factors. They need restoration.

The subjects covered by these MSS are as follows: history, geography, literature, language, Sufism, ifḥām, exegesis, anthologies of poetry, lexicography, logic, medicine, veterinary science, agriculture, archery, astronomy, curiosity, encyclopaedias, geography, and military science. The majority have been copied recently.
Published catalogue:

This classified catalogue gives title, full name of the author, incipit and explicit, information about the date of acquisition, whether it is damaged or not; also the style of script and its characteristics, information about the copyist and the date on which the copy was completed, dimensions and number of lines per page, year of composition, additional remarks, size, paper, state of preservation. Indexes of titles and authors. Concordances of classmarks and catalogue numbers. 399 items are mentioned and described.

Unpublished catalogue:
Card catalogue.

Topkapı Saray Müzesi Kütüphanesi

Topkapı Sarayı Müzesi, Sultanahmet, Eminönü-İstanbul
Tel.: 512 04 80/25; 522 44 22
Date of establishment: 1925
Status: Museum library (Ministry of Culture)
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture.
Open Mon.-Fri. 08:30–17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 13,073 (9,043 Arabic; 940 Persian; 3,090 Turkish).
Description of collection: The library contains 10 distinct collections: 1) III Ahmed, 2) Bağdat Köşkü, 3) Emanet Hazinesi, 4) Hazine, 5) Koşular, 6) Medine, 7) Mehmed V, 8) Mühürdar, 9) Revan Köşkü, 10) Muhtelif. All these MSS are kept on shelves in a building built in the 18th century by Sultan Ahmed III as a library. Most of them are in good condition, but some have been damaged through over-use and other factors. Some are holed and have begun to disintegrate. They need immediate repair.

This library contains a large number of magnificent old, rare, artistic, gilded, illuminated, ornamented and finely bound MSS. The collection is very important for the study of Islamic art, calligraphy, painting and the history of the Ottoman Empire and of Islam. Most of the texts are Qur’ans and works on Islamic arts and sciences, exegesis, biography, geography, language, literature and history.

See


Describes the catalogues and gives examples of some of the more important Arabic MSS.


Published catalogues:


Concerned primarily with non-Islamic MSS, but there is some discussion of Arabic and Turkish geographical works, as well as the Sultans’ collecting activities.


Classified catalogue giving full descriptions (title, language, subject, name and date of death of author, style of script, date of copying, name of scribe, headings and illuminations, incipit and explicit, information about the date of acquisition, damage (if any), state of preservation, dimensions of folios and judvats, number of folios and lines, year of composition, cover and binding, type of paper and ink, marginal notes and additional remarks, detailed information about the content, catalogue and library number, reference number, number of folios with miniatures, whether the work is published, place and date of publication) of 3,088 MSS. Indexes of titles, personal names and MSS with illustrations and maps.


Classified catalogue giving full descriptions (title, language, subject, name and date of death of author, beginning, style of script, date of copying, name of scribe, headings and illuminations, number of folios and lines, cover and binding, type of paper and ink and dimensions) of 940 MSS. Indexes of titles, names and illustrated MSS.


Classified catalogue giving full descriptions (title, author, language, death of author, beginning, style of script, date of copying, name of scribe, headings and illuminations, number of folios and lines, cover and binding, type of paper and ink and dimensions) of 9,043 MSS. Indexes of titles and persons.


Some examples of the important MSS held in this library are:
3) Shahnameh (dated 956/1549), by Abu'l-Qasim Ferdowsi. No. 1984. With 24 miniatures by 12 well-known artists and illuminated in gilt by one Husayn b. Muhammad. This is an extraordinary work of art.

Published catalogues:

Full descriptions (name of author, title of work, number of the library where it was previously held, number of folios, dimensions, number of lines, style of script, number of miniatures, name of the copyist, details of cover, binding, content, jadwal, paper, illuminations, type of ink and which pages are illuminated; also former owner, if known, seal impressions, which pages contain miniatures, additional remarks, classmarks, characteristics of the miniatures, date of composition, incipit and explicit, number of columns (of poetical works), the place of origin and whether the miniature is artistically valuable or not) of 43 illustrated MSS. Divides into two main parts: I. 12 MSS with Turkish-style miniatures (pp. 52–62); II. 31 MSS with Persian-style miniatures (pp. 62–90).


Detailed descriptions of leaves from Arabic MSS formerly in the Great Mosque at Damascus.


Further detailed descriptions of Arabic fragments.

1965. Un nouveau type de mushaf: inventaire des Corans en rouleaux de provenance damasquine, conservés à Istanbul. By S.

**Unpublished catalogues:**

All the MSS are recorded and listed in an inventory book and catalogue according to calligraphers.

**Yapı-Kredi Bankası Genel Müdürlüğü Kütüphanesi**

Yapı-Kredi Bankası, Galatasaray Şubesi, İstiklal Caddesi, Galatasaray-Beyoğlu, İstanbul

Tel.: 280 11 11; 280 11 12; 280 11 13

**Date of establishment:** 1956

**Status:** Private bank library

**Conditions of access:** No one is allowed to use this library. It is said that it will be made available for general use after the cataloguing of the MSS.

**Total number of Islamic MSS:** 1,595 (97 Arabic; 146 Persian; 1,352 Turkish)

**Description of collection:** All the MSS are kept in book-cases in a depot. Most are in fairly good condition, but some have been damaged or have begun to disintegrate. There are two collections: a) **FUAT KÖPRTLÜ**, b) **GAVİT BAYSUN**. The library is especially important for the history of Turkish language and literature. Other subjects include Islamic sciences, Islamic law, Sufism, biography, geography, history, literature and language.

Among important MSS are: 1) **Sulaymān-nāmah** (dated 946/1339), **Câevi Baysun 15959**. Persian, 2) **Kanûn al-kubârâ‘ wa-miżâjk al-‘ulamâ‘** (dated 803/1400–01), by **SâHOÇLU MUSTAFA**. Kâprülû 1. Turkish. Unique copy. 3) **Râbi‘ al-mâsâ‘im wa-târîkh al-manzûm** (autograph), by **GELIBOLU MUSTAFA A.Y. Kâprülû** 25.

**Published catalogues:**


Brief descriptions (title, name and death of author, style of script, binding, design, size of folios, number of folios and lines, date of composition, paper, additional remarks, state of preservation, incipit, explicit and dimensions) of 1,820 MSS. Indexes of titles and authors.
Unpublished catalogues: All MSS are recorded and listed in handwritten registers and on loose leaves.

KARAMAN
Karaman İlçe Halk Kütüphanesi
All the MSS are now in the Bölge Yazma Eserler Kütüphanesi in KONYA (v.e.).

KASTAMONU
İl Halk Kütüphanesi
Hükümet Yarı, Kastamonu
Tel.: 465-16501
Date of establishment: 1925
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open 08:30–15:30 Mon. –Fri. (also Sat. Sep. –May).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4,256 (3,439 Arabic; 157 Persian; 660 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most are in fair condition, but some are holed and partially damaged. They need repair.
Most of the texts concern Qur'anic studies and Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, language, literature, history and especially Arabic grammar.
Important MSS include: 1) Al-Risāla al-Shamsiyya fi qaṭ'a‘id al-ḥisābiyya (dated 725/1325), by ʿIMĀD AL-DĪN ʿABBĀS ALLĀH IBN AL-KHĀRĪBĀWĪ IBN AL-KHADDĀM AL-ʿIRĀQĪ. No. 2506; 2) Al-Iṣṭīḥār (dated 884/1479), by JĀLĀʾ AL-DĪN AL-SUYUTĪ. No. 2718; 3) Gharīb-nāmah (dated late 9th/15th century), by ʿAṢĪR PAŞA. No. 3435. Turkish, in manuscript form. Fully vocalised and with beautiful gilding and naskhī script.

Published catalogues:
Describes in detail some important Arabic and Persian MSS in this collection.


Unpublished catalogues: Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are recorded.
Card indexes.

KAYSERİ
Râşid Efendi Eski Eserler Kütüphanesi
Câmii Kebir Avlusu 8, Kayseri
Tel.: 35-12 88 39
Date of establishment: 1796
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,955 (1,507 Arabic; 95 Persian; 253 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in special rooms in the old building built by Râşid Efendi as a library. Most of the MSS are in fairly good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate and others have been damaged as a result of lack of care and cleaning. They need repair.
The texts are Qur'āns and works on Qur'ānic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, exegesis, Islamic law, biography, Sufism, grammar, literature, language and history.
Published catalogues:


1951. See Union catalogue (Une liste ...), pp. 1–7, for brief particulars of 64 MSS in this library.


The compiler describes 87 MSS on Hadith and Hadith studies and literature. The catalogue gives full descriptions (script, dimensions, number of lines per page, type of paper, number of folios, title, name and date of author, incipit, explicit, binding, design, condition, ink, year of composition, date on which the copy was completed). It also gives information on whether the work was published or not, and other copies of the same work in the libraries of Turkey or elsewhere are also mentioned.


Brief descriptions (title, author, date of author’s death if known, style of script, subject, number of folios, size of folios, number of lines and dimensions) of 341 Turkish, 167 Persian and 2,568 Arabic items in alphabetical order.


Brief descriptions (serial number, style of script, dimensions, number of folios and lines, date of compilation, title, name and date of author) of 144 items. The compiler also gives information about the importance and value of every work, with references. Indexes of titles and authors.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.

Card catalogue.

KONYA

General

Published catalogues:


Detailed descriptions of 42 Arabic, 1 Chaghatay & 49 Persian MSS in Konya libraries.
Published catalogues:


1951. See Union catalogue (*Une liste* . . .), pp. 1–7, for brief particulars of 64 MSS in this library.

1964. *Kayseri Umumi Kürtüphanesi Yaşar Efendi Kınık-i Hadis ve Hadis ilminde ait Araçça el yazma eserler каталоğu*. By Ahmet Okutan. Istanbul: Millî Eğitim Basmevi, vi + 100pp. The compiler describes 87 MSS on Hadith and Hadith studies and literature. The catalogue gives full descriptions (script, dimensions, number of lines per page, type of paper, number of folios, title, name and date of author, incipit, explicit, binding, design, condition, ink, year of composition, date on which the copy was completed). It also gives information on whether the work was published or not, and other copies of the same work in the libraries of Turkey or elsewhere are also mentioned.


Brief descriptions (title, author, date of author’s death if known, style of script, subject, number of folios, size of folios, number of lines and dimensions) of 341 Turkish, 167 Persian and 2,568 Arabic items in alphabetical order.

1989. *Bibliographie des manuscrits de Kayseri. pouring into Hadith and Hadith studies and literature. The catalogue gives full descriptions (script, dimensions, number of lines per page, type of paper, number of folios, title, name and date of author, incipit, explicit, binding, design, condition, ink, year of composition, date on which the copy was completed). It also gives information on whether the work was published or not, and other copies of the same work in the libraries of Turkey or elsewhere are also mentioned.*

*Unpublished catalogues:*
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card catalogue.

**KONYA**

**General**

Published catalogues:


Detailed descriptions of 42 Arabic, 1 Chaghatai & 49 Persian MSS in Konya libraries.
Ahmet Rasih Ízvet Koyunoğlu Müzesi ve Kütüphanesi

Topraklık, Kerimler Caddesi, Konya
Tel.: 33-11 18 57; 15 46 00
Date of establishment: 1974
Status: Municipal

Conditions of access: All readers require special permission in advance from the Municipality of Konya.
Open Mon.-Fri. 08:30-17:00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 4,468 (2,060 Arabic; 296 Persian; 2,112 Turkish, including Chaghatay).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves. Most are in fairly good condition, but some have been damaged, holed or have begun to disintegrate. They need repair. There are some old, rare and valuable MSS in this collection.

Most of the texts concern Qur’anic and Islamic studies and sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Sufism, geography, literature, language and history.

Important MSS include: 1) Jami‘ al-wujūl fī Ahādīth al-Rasūl (dated 596/1200), by MAJĀD AL-DĪN IBN AL-‘IJĀH AL-SHAYBĀNĪ AL-JĂZĀRĪ. No. 4241. This copy was collated with the author’s original. 2) Al-Tanbīh wa‘ l-tṣāhīḥ ‘annā waqā‘a fi Kithāb al-Sīḥāb (dated 594/1198), by AL MUGHAMMAD ʿABD ALLĀH IBN BARRĪ. 3) Diwān (dated 688/1289), by KAMĀL AL-DĪN ISMĀ‘ĪL İSFAHĀNĪ.

Published catalogues:
1951. See Une liste . . . (under General above), pp. 36–37, for brief particulars of 23 MSS.


1978. See Union catalogue by ŞAŞAND for brief descriptions of 26 rare Turkish MSS.

1984. See survey by BIRMBAUM, pp. 493–495, for information on a number of the more interesting Turkish MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:


Typed list donated by KÖYUNOĞLU with the collection. 553pp. [Source: BIRMBAUM 1984, p. 492.]

Contents list of the collection. 320pp. Available in the Mevlânâ Müzesi (see below). [Source: ibid.].

Bölge Yازma Eserler Kütüphanesi

Ant Alanı, Konya
Tel.: 9-33-11 12 16; 10 72 25
Date of establishment: 1984
Status: Public/governmental

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Turkish Embassy beforehand.
Open weekdays, 08:00–17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3,363 (3,053 Arabic; 75 Persian; 529 Turkish; 6 others).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves and stored in a special depot. This library also contains all the MSS of Karaman İlçe Halk Kütüphanesi. Most of the MSS are holed and have been damaged by humidity, lack of care and cleaning, microbiological and other factors. Most have begun to disintegrate, and they all need restoration and repair, although some are in fairly good condition. The MSS of this library have been collected from different sources, official and private, and there are a few important works among them. Most seem to have been copied very recently.

Most of the texts concern Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, Hadith, fiqh, belief, Arabic grammar, Sufism, history, language and literature.

Among the important MSS are: 1) Furūgh al-fiqhiyya (dated 675/1276), by an unknown author. No. 459; 2) Majma‘ al-bahrayn
Published catalogues:

At the beginning of this catalogue the compiler gives a short history of the library and explains its contents and accessions of MSS. He gives brief descriptions (title, subject, name of author, style of script and number of folios) of 810 MSS (pp. 24–58). The rest of the catalogue deals with printed books.

Unpublished catalogues:
Brief descriptions (title, language, subject, name of author and date of his death, some information about the contents, style of script, number of folios and additional remarks) of 383 MSS (1,154 items).

Very brief descriptions (title, subject, and name of author) of 1,000 MSS. Indexes of titles and authors.
Card catalogue.
Handwritten registers.

Mevlânâ Müzesi İhtisas Küütphanesi

Mevlâna Alaç, Konya
Tel.: 9-3511 12 15
Date of establishment: 1855
Status: Museum library (governmental)

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.
Open daily, 09:00–17:30 (Mondays 10:30–17:00).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,298 (Arabic; Persian; Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in special rooms in the Museum. Most are in good condition, but some of have begun to disintegrate as a result of over-use, lack of care, humidity, microbiological and other factors. Some are holed. They need restoration and repair.
The library contains a large number of old, rare, artistic, gilded, ornamented and finely bound MSS. It is very important for the study of the Mevlevi (Mawlawi) order. Most of the texts are Qur'anic and works on Qur'anic and Islamic studies, Islamic sciences, biography, geography, Islamic sects, fiqh, Hadith, exegesis, literature, Arabic grammar, language and literature.
Among the important MSS are: 1) Ḥall mushkilât Kıtâb al-Ishârât wa l-tanbihât (dated 661/1263), by Naṣr al-Din Tûsî. No. 5237. This work was written during the commentator’s lifetime and copied from his own copy. 2) Laylâ va Majnûn (dated 9th/15th century), by Ḫâ'im b. Yusuf Niẓâmî. No. 2556. Persian, with 5 beautiful miniatures. 3) 'Ali-nâmah (dated early 7th/13th century), by Dânish. No. 2562. Persian, in magâna form. Unique copy.

Published catalogues:
1931. See Union catalogue by Pleßner.

1951. See Une liste . . . (under General above) for very brief descriptions (title, language, name and death of author if known, date of compilation, date of copying, number of folios and lines, size of folios and dimensions) of 147 MSS, on pp. 1–10.

1952. See Union catalogue by Arpa under General above for full descriptions of 15 MSS in the library of Mevlânâ Müzesi.


Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten Vol. 4 of the 1967–72 published catalogue by Göpinarlı (see above) is available in the IRCICA and Süleymaniye Libraries in Istanbul.

Basic information on ca. 220 MSS.

Brief citations of 225 exhibited MSS.

Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are recorded.
Card indexes.


The compiler gives a short history of the library and explains its contents and accessions of MSS, followed by very brief descriptions (title, name of author, dimensions, serial and catalogue number) of 1,112 MSS. Index of compilers and scribes. Seems to be very unreliable.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are recorded in alphabetical order.
Card catalogue.

KÜTAHYA

Vahit Paşa İl Halk Kütüphanesi

İl Kütübur Mükûrlüğü, Kütahya
Tel.: 9-231-36 216
*Date of establishment:* 1812
*Status:* Public library
*Conditions of access:* For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open Mon. – Fri., 08:30 – 17:30.
*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 3,086 (2,473 Arabic; 192 Persian; 420 Turkish; 1 other).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room on the fourth floor of the Cultural Affairs building. Most of them are in fair condition, but some have been partially damaged because of lack of maintenance and cleaning. Some are holed and have begun to disintegrate.

Most of the texts concern Qur'anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, *fiqh*, Sufism, geography, astronomy, literature, lexicography, biography, language, Arabic grammar and history.


Published catalogue:

The compiler arranges all Turkish MSS in alphabetical order and gives brief descriptions (name of the work, date of compilation and translation, name of the author, number of the library, number of folios and lines, dimensions, date of copying and other additional remarks) of 399 MSS. All copies of the same work are included in one entry.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card indexes (alphabetical).

MALATYA

Malatya İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Malatya
Tel.: 9-821-11 055
*Date of establishment:* 1956
*Status:* Public/governmental
*Conditions of access:* Same as other public libraries.

Opening hours: same as other public libraries.
*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 41 (mostly Arabic; some Persian; some Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most have been damaged and have begun to disintegrate as a result of neglect, humidity, over-use and microbiological factors.

Most of the texts concern religious studies, *fiqh*, Hadith, exegesis, Arabic grammar and history.
Unpublished catalogue: Inventory, in which all MSS are recorded alphabetically by authors and titles.

MANISA

Manisa İl Halk Kütüphanesi

I. Anafartalar Man., Çamlık Sok. 2, Manisa
Tel. 5511-11570
Date of establishment: 1943
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture.
Open 1 Sept.–1 June, Mon. – Sat. 08:30–17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 5,144 (4,201 Arabic; 271 Persian; 672 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are stored on shelves in a special room. Most are in fair condition, but some have been damaged and need repair.
Most of the texts concern Qur'anic studies, Islamic sciences, exegesis, fiqh, Hadith, grammar, language, literature, lexicography and history.
Among the important MSS are: 1) Fāṣṣ al-Qurʾān (dated 440/1048), by Abū Bakr Muḥammad al-Bâqilānī. No. 4390; 2) Lubāb al-naṣīl fi asbāb al-naṣīl (dated 881/1476), by Jaḥāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī. No. 4407; 3) Sūrat al-Ḥaramayn (dated 927/1512), by Ḥaḍīth ʿAbd al-Ṣāliḥ b. Maḥmūd al-ʿIṣfahānī. No. 5415. This copy is probably an autograph, and it was written in the name of Sultan Süleyman I Kāşh. There are 19 miniatures depicting the Haramayn.

Published catalogues:
The names of authors also given in Arabic script, together with incipits and explicitis. The catalogue is divided into nine parts: a) General History in Turkish (MSS 1–6); b) Works on Turkish History (MSS 7–16); c) History of the Arabs, Persians and other nations (MSS 17–24); d) History of Prophets and Beliefs (MSS 25–33); e) Biographies of Prophets (MSS 34–44); f) Legends and Biographies of Saints (MSS 45–57); g) Biographies of poets (MSS 58); h) Deaths and Genealogies (MSS 59–62); i) Geographical Works (MSS 63–64). Indexes of authors and titles. For an assessment, see Birnbaum 1984, p. 497.


Very detailed descriptions of 44 Arabic MSS.


1986. Manisa İl Halk Kütüphanesi Türkçe el yazmaları katalogu. By G. Gönlübaş. Manisa (Türk Kütüphaneciler Derneği Manisa Şubesi Yayınları, 1), viii + 102pp. Very brief catalogue of 766 Turkish MSS. The compiler gives, in alphabetical order, titles and then, briefly, descriptions (name of author, date, dimensions, folios and library number) of all the Turkish MSS.

Full descriptions, in Persian, of 346 MSS (including 105 majmû’as containing 325 items). The entries, in alphabetical order, give serial number, classmark, title, complete name of author, death of author (if known), general description (script, binding, design, condition, number of folios, size of page and jadwal, paper, ink, ductus, dimensions, year of composition, date on which the copy was completed, incipit, explicit, whether the work is published or not, number of lines, information about copyist). Indexes of titles, authors and other persons.

Unpublished catalogues:

Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.

Card indexes.

MARDIN

Chaldean Bishop’s library

According to


Most of the Christian Arabic MSS formerly in the Archbishop’s library at Diyarbakır were transferred here, and merged into one library with the few remaining MSS from the original collection.

Published catalogues:

1908. Notices sur les manuscrits syriques et arabes conservés dans la bibliothèque de l’Évêché Chaldéen de Mardin. By ADDAI SCHER. Revue des Bibliothèques 18, 1908, pp. 64–95. Manuscripts arabes, pp. 88–94 (Cod. 84–104). Most of these MSS have gone elsewhere.

NEVŞEHİR

Damat İbrahim Paşa Küütüphanesi (Nevşehir İl Halk Küütüphanesi Şubesi)

Camii-i Çedit Mahallesesi, Camii-i Kebir Cad. 60, Nevşehir Tél.: 485-11246

Date of establishment: 1727

Status: Public library

Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.

Opening hours: same as other public libraries.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 562 (510 Arabic; 11 Persian; 41 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room in an old medrese. Most are in good condition, but some are holed and have begun to disintegrate.

The texts cover Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, exegesis, Islamic law, language, literature and history.


Published catalogues:
1951. See Union catalogue (Une liste . . .), pp. 12–16, for brief descriptions (title, name and death of author, date, folios, and dimensions) of 47 MSS.
Unpublished catalogues:  
Handwritten registers, all MSS are systematically recorded.  
Card catalogue (alphabetical).

NİÇDE

Sungurbey İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Tel.: 483-11168  
Date of establishment: 1925  
Status: Public library  
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.  
Opening hours: same as other public libraries.  
Total number of Islamic MSS: 595 (529 Arabic; 19 Persian; 24 Turkish).  
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special section in the library. Most are in fairly good condition, but some are holed and have begun to disintegrate. They need repair.  
The texts cover Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, exegesis, language, literature and history.  

Published catalogue:  
1951. See Union catalogue (Une liste ...), pp. 17–24, for brief descriptions (title, name and date of author, date, number of folios, dimensions) of 42 important MSS in Nîçde.

Unpublished catalogues:  
Inventory in which all MSS are recorded.  
Card catalogue.

ORDU

İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Status: Public library

Published catalogues:  
Detailed descriptions of 68 MSS.

SAFRANBOLU

Mehmed Paşa Kütüphanesi

Köprüülü Mehmed Paşa Camii Yani, Safranbolu-Zonguldak  
Tel.: 464-212 50; 464 212 51  
Date of establishment: 1698  
Status: Public library (municipal)  
Conditions of access: No condition at all.  
Open to the public, weekdays, 09:00–17:00.  
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 1,000.  
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on steel shelves in a room. Most are in very bad condition; some are damaged and defective.  
The texts are mostly on Qur’anic and Islamic studies, exegesis, fiqh, Hanîfî and history. There is no catalogue.  

SAMSUN

Ondokuzmayıs İl Halk Kütüphanesi (formerly Gâzi İl Kütüphanesi)

Ondokuzmayıs Bulvari, Samsun  
Tel.: 9-36-31 28 91
Date of establishment: 1930
Status: Public library

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open 08:30–17:30 Mon.–Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,220 (1,175 Arabic; 20 Persian; 25 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most are in good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate, or have been damaged as a result of humidity and neglect. They need cleaning.

Most of the texts are on Qur’anic and Islamic studies, fiqh, exegesis, Hadith, Arabic grammar and history.


Published catalogue:

Brief descriptions of the library and the MSS collection as a whole, with the numbers of MSS according to their subjects, followed by brief descriptions of four majmūʿas and eleven other MSS.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card indexes (alphabetical).

Unpublished catalogues:
All the MSS are recorded on card indexes in alphabetical order.

SİVAS

Sivas Müzesi

Kongre Binası, Sivas
Tel.: 9-47-24 40 67
Status: Museum library (governmental)
Conditions of access: Prior application needed.

Open Mon. – Fri. 09:00 – 17:00.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 181 (136 Arabic; 8 Persian; 25 Turkish; 10 Arabic/Persian/Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in a special room. Most are in fairly good condition, but some have been damaged by neglect and other factors.

Most of the MSS concern religious studies, exegesis, lexicography, fiqh, Hadith and Arabic grammar.

Unpublished catalogue:
Inventory book, in which all MSS are recorded systematically in alphabetical order.

Ziya Bey Yazma Eserler Kütüphanesi

Çarşıbaşı Mahallesi Nalbaanlarbaşı 11, Sivas
Tel.: 9-47-21 62 69
Date of establishment: 1908
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Identification card required.

Open Mon. – Fri. 08:00 – 17:30.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 704 (567 Arabic; 28 Persian; 109 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most are in fairly good condition, but some have been damaged, have begun to disintegrate or are holes as a result of neglect, humidity and microbiological factors.

Most of the MSS concern Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, exegesis, language, Arabic grammar, Hadith, history and Sufism.


Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded in alphabetical order.

TAVŞANLI

Tavşanlı Zeynelâde Halk Kütüphanesi

Tavşanlı, Kütahya
Tel.: 9-239-110 68
Date of establishment: 1892
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.

Opening hours: same as other public libraries.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,265 (776 Arabic; 98 Persian; 391 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in a special depot. Most are in fairly good condition, but some are holes and have begun to disintegrate; they need repair.

The MSS are Qur’âns and works on Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, exegesis, language, literature, geography and history.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, systematically recording all MSS.
Card indexes (alphabetical).

TİRE

Necip Paşa Kütüphanesi
İlmi Melek Cad. 20, Tire, İzmir
Tel.: 547-11958
Date of establishment: 1826
Status: Endowment/public
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from Vakiflar Genel Müdürlüğü (General Directorate of Endowments), Ankara.
Open 08:30 – 17:30 Tue. – Sat. (Mon. – Fri. in July & August).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1,147 (916 Arabic; 34 Persian; 197 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room in the library building. Most are in good condition and easy to read despite some holes and cracks in places. Some need repairing.
Most of the texts concern Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, literature, language, history, exegesis, fiqh and Hadith.
Among the important MSS are: 1) Tercüme-i Tezkireteniyā of Al-ʿĀṣṭār (dated 871/1466). No. 615. Turkish. The translator’s name is not mentioned, but the translation seems to be very important for the history of the Turkish language in Anatolia. 2) Zādi al-maṣīr fī tārīkh al-tafṣīr (dated 569–571/1173–75), by Jamāl al-Dīn Abū ʿl-Faraj ibn al-Jawzī. Nos. 43-44. Fine naskhi calligraphy.

TOKAT

Tokat İl Halk Kütüphanesi
Saray Han Kat 2, Tokat
Tel.: 9-475-115 70
Date of establishment: 1884
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: No permission required.
Open weekdays, 08:30 – 17:30.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 346 (267 Arabic; 15 Persian; 64 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves. Most have been damaged as a result of neglect, humidity and microbiological factors, and some have begun to disintegrate.
Most of the texts are on Qur’anic and Islamic studies, fiqh, exegesis, Hadith, Arabic grammar, beliefs and history.
All the MSS have been sent to Ankara to be catalogued.

Unpublished catalogues:
Card indexes (alphabetical).

TRABZON

Trabzon İl Halk Kütüphanesi
Atapark İşi 29, Trabzon
Tel.: 9-032-34 942-35942
Date of establishment: 1927
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open: 08:30 – 17:30 Mon. – Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).

Total number of Islamic MSS: 474 (370 Arabic; 20 Persian; 84 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. Most are in good condition, but some have been damaged as a result of humidity, neglect and microbiological factors; they need repairing.

Most of the texts are on Qur’anic and Islamic studies, fiqh, Hadith, exegesis, beliefs, Arabic grammar and history.


Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.

Card indexes.

ÜRGÜP

Tahsin Ağa Halk Kütüphanesi

50400 Ürgüp, Nevşehir
Tel.: 9-4860-1026
Date of establishment: 1855
Status: Public library

Conditions of access: For foreign readers, special permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Culture beforehand.

Open: 08:30 – 17:30 Mon. – Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).

Total number of Islamic MSS: 473 (444 Arabic; 9 Persian; 20 Turkish).

Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. Most are in good condition, but some have begun to disintegrate and need repair.

Most of the texts are on Qur’anic studies, Islamic sciences, fiqh, exegesis, Hadith, language and Sufism.

Published catalogue:
1951. See Union catalogue (Une liste . . . ), p. 25, for brief descriptions (titles, names and dates of authors, dates, folios, dimensions) of 9 important Islamic MSS in this library.

Unpublished catalogue:
The MSS are all classified and catalogued indicating author, title, pagination etc. in alphabetical order.

ÜSKÜDAR—see ISTANBUL: Hacı Selim Ağa Kütüphanesi, İbrahim Hakkı Konyalı Vakfı Kütüphane and Marmara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi

VAN
Van İl Halk Kütüphanesi

Tel.: 9-061-11 237
Date of establishment: 1950
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.
Opening hours: same as other public libraries.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 93 (mostly Arabic; some Persian; some Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special room. Most have been damaged as a result of neglect, humidity and microbiological factors, but some are in good condition.

Unpublished catalogue:
Acquisitions register, in which all MSS are recorded.

VEZİRKÖPRÜ
Köprülü Fazıl Ahmet Paşa İlçe Halk Kütüphanesi

Vezirköprü, Samsun
Tel.: 9-3687-1046
Date of establishment: 1935

Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.
Opening hours: same as other public libraries.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 371 (359 Arabic; 9 Persian; 3 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. A significant number have been damaged as a result of humidity and neglect, but some are in good condition.
Most of the texts are on Qur'anic and Islamic sciences, fiqh, Hadith, exegesis, grammar and history.

Among the important MSS are:
1) Akhīm al-Qur'ān (dated 747/1346), by Abū Ja'far Ahmad b. Salāma al-Tabārī. No. 814/1;

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten registers, in which all MSS are systematically recorded.
Card indexes (alphabetical).

YALVAÇ
Hacı Ali Rza Efendi Halk Kütüphanesi

Hükûmet Caddeesi, Yalvac, İsparta
Tel.: 9-32 76-50 56
Date of establishment: 1880
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: Same as other public libraries.
Opening hours: 08:30–17:30 Mon.–Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 247 (220 Arabic; 1 Persian/Turkish; 26 Turkish).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept in special book-cases. Most are in good condition, but some have been damaged.
Most of the texts concern religious sciences, beliefs, fiqh, exegesis, Arabic grammar and history.

Unpublished catalogues:
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The 767 MSS belonging to this library are deposited in the Süleymaniye Kütüphanesi, Istanbul (g.v.).

ZILE

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Cumhuriyet Cad., Çekerek Köprüsü Yarı 1, Zile, Tokat
Tel.: 9-4761-5057
Date of establishment: 1888
Status: Public library
Conditions of access: No permission required.
Open 08:30–17:30 Mon.–Fri. (also Sat. during school terms).
Total number of Islamic MSS: 534 (Arabic; Persian; Turkish; others).
Description of collection: All the MSS are kept on shelves in a special depot. A significant number have been damaged as a result of humidity and neglect, and have begun to disintegrate; but some are in good condition.

Most of the texts are on Qur'anic and Islamic sciences, fiqh, Hadith, exegesis, Arabic grammar, medical studies and history.


All the MSS have been sent to Ankara to be catalogued for TÜYATOK.

Unpublished catalogue:
Register of 235 MSS (only).

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