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ARCHIVES LIBRARY

The Tamil Nadu Archives Library is a centre for research. It is an institution within an institution. The Library supplements the reference and research activities of the Archives of which it is an inseparable part. When Mr. Dodwell was appointed as curator in 1911, books of reference such as Dictionaries, District Manuals, Gazetteers, Almanacs, Army and Civil Lists required for the reference of files and printing and publication of ancient records were transferred to this office along with the records from the Secretariat. Whenever the books were required for reference, they were obtained from the Secretariat Library and from the Connemara Library. Some books like Dictionary of National Biography and Dictionaries were also purchased whenever there was a necessity. These books together with the Press Lists of Government Records, Printed copies of Old Records and selection from the Old Records formed the nucleus of Madras Record Office and later a separate Library was formed in 1923 with 15000 books. Now, it has over 2.31 lakhs of books and publications in both Tamil and English Languages housed in a double floored building. Among the collections, most of them are having original value and holding administrative and historical importance.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Tamil Nadu Archives Library regularly attracts research scholars of M.Phil., Ph.D., Post-Doctoral Research and also writers from all over India and also the various parts of the World. This library is not a lending library, but only a reference library. The library follows "Closed Access System". Only the registered scholars and researchers are allowed to have the access of the library and they are allowed to use the card catalogue as well the computerised catalogue under the guidance of the librarian. Some of the rare and important books in the Tamil Nadu Archives library are,

<i>SL. TITLE</i>	<i>AUTHOR</i>	<i>YEAR</i>
1. The History of Ireland	Hanmer	1633
2. Some years travels into Africa and Asia	Tho. Herbert	1638
3. A Voyage to Suratt in 1689	F. Ovington	1696
4. New Account of the East Indies	Alexander Hamilton	1727
5. A short history of English Transactions		1776
6. Select views in Mysore, the Country of Tippoo Sultan	Home	1794
7. Journal of a Voyage in 1811 and 1812, to Madras and China	James Wathen	1814
8. Archaeological survey of southern India	Robert Sewell	1882
9. The Mackenzie Collection: A descriptive Catalogue of the oriental Manuscripts and other articles	H.H Wilson	1882
10. Manual of the Administration of the Madras Presidency.3 Vols.	C. D. Maclean	1886
11. Major-General Sir Thomas Munro	Sir Alexander & J.Arbutnot	1886

12. Sir Thomas Munro: and the British Settlement of the Madras Presidency	John Bradshaw	1893
13. History of Pudukkottai State		1894
14. History of the Bucking-Ham Canal project	A.S. Russell	1898
15. The Sivaganga Zamindary: Its origin and its litigation	R. Annasawmy Ayer	1899
16. A History of British India	Sir W. W Hunter	1899
17. Fort St. George Madras:	Frank Penny	1900
18. Aristocracy of Southern India	A. Vadivelu	1903
19. Bala-Bharata or Young India	Bharathiar	1907
20. Ootacamund: A History	Fredrick Price	1908
21. The Church in Madras:	Frank Penny	1912
22. Vestiges of Old Madras 1640-1800:	Henry Davison Love	1913
23. South India: its history, people, commerce and industrial resources	Somerst Playne and Arnold Wright	1914
24. Jail Diary	C. Rajagopalachari	1922
25. The Madras Presidency 1881-1931	G.T. Boag	1933