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Libraries in Rome.

PCMA (Rome).

Rome has 126 officially registered public libraries, connected with educational, cultural, governmental, academic and ecclesiastical institutions. A descriptive list of these libraries is contained in the Guide-manuel des Bibliothèques de Rome published in 1932 by the Dutch Historical Institute of Rome.

- *** Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Vittorio Emanuele II
900,000 bks., 5,374 mss., 14,063 autographs.
Composed of the library of the Jesuit "Collegio Romano" and 69 libraries of Roman monasteries and convents. Large collection of books on Rome; Arab, Chinese and Japanese collections, incunabula, rare editions, engravings, documents. Complete depository of Italian books since 1873. State property.
- *** Biblioteca Casanatense. 220,000 books, 2,000 engravings, 5,091 mss. Outstanding collections of Mediaeval and Renaissance mss., incunabula, rare editions, music, classic authors, Polish books and works on archeology. State property.
- ** Biblioteca Universitaria Alessandrina. 280,000 bks., 356 mss. Complete depository of books printed in the Pontifical State from 1815 to 1870. Large reference library. Important collections of incunabula, Italian literature of the Renaissance, rare editions, classical authors; more than 60,000 dissertations. State property.
- ** Biblioteca, Museo ed Archivio del Risorgimento. ca. 200,000 bks., 2,314 mss., 35,000 autographs and documents, 26,000 engravings and photographs, 17,500 drawings. Devoted to the history of the Italian wars of independence and to contemporary history. Property of the state.
- ** Biblioteca Angelica. 125,000 bks., 2,616 mss., first public library of Rome. Valuable manuscripts and early editions, incunabula, Dante collections, old Italian statutes. State property.
- ** Biblioteca Vallicelliana. 35,000 bks., 2,333 mss. Greek and Latin mss., rare editions, incunabula. Specializing in the history of Rome. State property.
- * Biblioteca Medica. 50,000 bks. Modern medical books and periodicals. State property.