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ICCU

The Central Institute for the Union Catalogue of Italian Libraries (ICCU)

- is the national center which promotes and coordinates cataloguing and documentation activities of the Italian libraries
- depends on the *General Directorate for Library Heritage and Cultural Institutes* of the Italian Ministry
- is responsible for guiding, producing, adapting and disseminating the standard rules for cataloguing and digitisation of the library heritage.

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Departments and Activities


ICCU is structured in **2 services and 6 Departments.**

1. Administrative Service

2. Service for the cultural promotion

1. Elaboration and promotion of standards rules for cataloguing and digitisation
2. Coordination of the catalogue and of the network of the National Library Service
3. Management for accessing to the bibliographic information and activities for the Registry of the Italian library
4. Development of services for digitalisations and for the access to documents
5. Activities concerning bibliography, cataloguing and census of the ancient book
6. Census and management of the Italian bibliography of manuscripts

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The National Library Service

The **National Library Service (SBN)** is the network of the Italian libraries coordinated by ICCU and aimed at providing services to the end-users.

SBN involves almost 4,000 state, local, and university libraries operating in different sectors and distributed in 65 nodes.


OPAC SBN (On Line Public Access Catalogue) allows the access to the collective catalogue of the Italian libraries participating to the National Library Service.

Through OPAC SBN is possible to access:

- to 11 millions of bibliographic descriptions
- to 55 millions of locations
- to the online loan or reproduction services
- to 624,000 ancient documents, for a total amount of 1.6000.000 locations
- to 500,000 documents related to the musical heritage

<http://www.sbn.it/>

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Internet Culturale

Internet Culturale is the Italian Digital Library Portal.

It proposes an *integrated access system* to the digital and traditional resources of libraries, and other Italian cultural institutions.

The portal offers professional and institutional information concerning the Italian library heritage and related activities.

Internet Culturale is addressed both to the general and the specialized users: they can search bibliographical information and digital contents coming from different information sources.

The project is promoted by the General Directorate for Library Heritage and Cultural Institutes, and realized by ICCU, which has managed and coordinated the project with its partners.

It is fully integrated with Culturitalia, the Italian Culture Portal

www.internetculturale.it

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Culturitalia and European projects

The ICCU 's Director is responsible for :

- **Culturitalia** , the Italian Culture Portal
- **MINERVA** project
- **MICHAEL** project
- **ATHENA**

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Thanks for your attention !

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