



Using the Library Collections of IBTS Centre Amsterdam

IBTS Centre Amsterdam owns two separate libraries: 1) The **John Smyth Library** (a print research collection that specialises in Baptist/Anabaptist studies) and 2) The **Digital Theological Library** (a born-digital library of religious and theological studies). This leaflet explains how both libraries are available to visitors.

Digital Theological Library

Our growing electronic collection of well over 300,000 volumes is managed for us by the Digital Theological Library (DTL), which is jointly owned by IBTS Centre Amsterdam and several other theological institutions worldwide. **Access barcodes** to the DTL will only be made available to staff and students of IBTS Centre Amsterdam. Visitors can access the DTL resources when the librarian is present. The DTL catalogue is available at:

<http://www.digitaltheologicallibrary.org>

John Smyth Library

The John Smyth Library consists of roughly 41,000 volumes and is housed on the first floor of the Baptist House. Most of the collection is available in open stacks. You are kindly requested to **find** the book in the library **yourself** and check it out or in with the self-service unit. We share a library catalogue with the Theological Universities of Kampen and Apeldoorn. To search the print collection of the John Smyth Library please use the search box on our website at:

<https://www.ibts.eu/library/library-catalogue/>

Using the John Smyth Library Catalogue

Our library catalogue has three branches: TU Kampen, TU Apeldoorn and John Smyth Library. The material from the TU Kampen and TU Apeldoorn libraries is physically located in Kampen and Apeldoorn and is ***not*** available to library users in Amsterdam. Only the items marked “John Smyth Library” are available in Amsterdam.

In the catalogue every book has a blue “Request” button. Only use this button when a book is checked out. Do not “Request” a book that is set to *Available* in the John Smyth Library (find it yourself in the library), or a book that is physically located in Kampen or Apeldoorn. Your request will be ignored.

Finding a Book in the John Smyth Library

To find a book in the library, you need to make a note of the shelfmark as listed in the catalogue. Here’s an example of a shelfmark of a random book in our collection:

John Smyth Library *Open Stacks (Normal Loan)* 286.142 **G78611E**, 2009.

- **John Smyth Library** denotes the branch that holds the copy.
- *Open Stacks (Normal Loan)* denotes the shelving location in the library.

The next three elements are what’s printed on the book label.

- 286.142 is the Dewey number. It ranges from 000 to 999 and can be preceded by a prefix (OS/P1/P2/R/SEM/T).
- **G78611E** is the Cutter number and decides the (alphabetic) order of books on the shelf within the same Dewey number.
- 2009 represents the year of publication of the book. It is not present on every book.

Please refer to the map on the other side to find out where your book is located.

Map of the John Smyth Library

Open Stacks (Normal Loan) without prefix		ISSR = International Society for Science and Religion
OS = Oversize	P1 = Bound Periodicals	P2 = Boxed Periodicals
R = Reference	SEM = Dutch Seminary	T = Treasure

Back of the library
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P1 C – E		P2 A – Z	
P1 A – C		P1 F – I	
R 423 – 999		P1 I – J	
R 280 – 422.03		P1 J – M	
R 225.7 – 280		P1 M	
R 220.7 – 225.7		P1 M – R	
R 000 – 220.7		P1 S – Z	
▼ OS bottom two shelves (entire row)		OS bottom two shelves (entire row) ▼	
OS 270 – 999	253.5 – 261	261 – 261.7	OS P1/R/SEM
OS 000 – 269	252.03 – 253.5	261.7 – 261.873	T 204
▲ OS bottom two shelves (entire row)		T 204 bottom two shelves (entire row) ▲	
248 – 252.03		261.873 – 265.940973	
236.1 – 248		266 – 267.3924	
232.8 – 236.1		267.4 – 270.2092	
231 – 232.8		270.20935 – 274.15	
230.044 – 230.996		274.15 – 280.40947	
227.406 – 230.044		280.40947 – 284.24	
225.77 – 227.406		284.24 – 286.1438	
221.8 – 225.77		286.1438 – 292	
220.09 – 221.8		292 – 306.6	
192 – 220.09		306.6 – 823.912	
000 – 192		823.912 – 999	
ISSR	SEM 000 – 999	New Acquisitions	T 000 – 999

▲ ISSR top two shelves (entire row)

▲ T top and bottom three shelves
(the rightmost section is staff use only)

Library Entrance

- The **Microfilm Cabinet** and the **Pamphlet Cabinet** are located in the front area of the library. Access to these resources is only allowed when the librarian is present.
- Some of the **Treasure** material is located in the librarian's workspace and can only be used under the librarian's supervision.
- Please note that T 204 is not located with the rest of the Treasure section.
- **New Acquisitions** will be shelved in the general collection once a year in February. Until that time, limited borrowing might be possible. Please talk to the librarian.