

Complete list of NL catalogues

Main catalogues

[Helveticat](#)

Helveticat is the online catalogue of the Swiss National Library (NL). Helveticat lists all monographs and the current newspapers and journals in the NL. Helveticat does not cover the information of the Subject Catalogue prior to 1998. The ceased newspapers and journals as well as some special and specific collections are fully covered in other catalogues.

<https://nb->

[helveticat.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?sortby=rank&vid=41SNL_51_INST:helveticat&lang=en](https://nb-helveticat.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?sortby=rank&vid=41SNL_51_INST:helveticat&lang=en)

[HelveticArchives](#)

HelveticArchives is the online database maintaining the archival collections of the NL, i.e. the collections of the Prints and Drawings Department and of the Swiss Literary Archives SLA. HelveticArchives also includes ISplus (Archives, Libraries and Museums) containing a wide range of information on Swiss heritage institutions, as well as the "Index of manuscript collections held in libraries and archives in Switzerland".

<https://www.helveticarchives.ch/>

[e-Helvetica Access](#)

e-Helvetica Access gives you access to the digital collections of the Swiss National Library (NL). In addition to websites of historical importance, you will find books, periodicals, theses and official publications that have been published in electronic form. You will also find printed publications that have been scanned. Please note that access to certain publications is restricted for copyright reasons.

<https://www.e-helvetica.nb.admin.ch/pages/main.jsf?lang=en>

[Swiss Poster Collections \(SPC\)](#)

This collection comprises posters created by Swiss and foreign artists. It presents a picture of Swiss and European culture from the end of the 19th century to the present day covering a wide range of areas (tourism, exhibitions, advertising, cultural activities, sport, politics, etc.). The posters described in the catalogue are drawn from a number of Swiss institutions, including those of the Swiss National Library (NL).

Other online catalogues

[Biographical catalogue of newspaper articles](#)

This catalogue lists newspaper articles on personalities from Swiss public life. Systematic collection covering the years from 1931 only. Updating of this catalogue ceased in 2012; it is now available in HelveticArchives, the database of the NL's archival holdings.

<https://www.helveticarchives.ch>

Subject catalogue prior to 1998

Subject catalogue on digitalized cards (Coris) of publications before 1998 (monographs, microforms, publications of corporations and associations, periodicals maps and atlases).

This catalogue contains:

- the digitised card index until 1991. This catalogue is currently not accessible. The catalogue data will be processed and integrated into the NL's online catalogue Helveticat, probably in 2025.
- the electronic catalogue from 1991 to 1998, integrated into the NL's online catalogue Helveticat.

https://nb-helveticat.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?sortby=rank&vid=41SNL_51_INST:helveticat&lang=en

List of card catalogues in alphabetical order (information room)

Biographic catalogue of articles from serial publications

Index of articles about Swiss personalities, classified alphabetically by personal names. Systematic collection since 1913. Contains references of the Swiss Bibliography of History (since 1913) and the Bibliography scientiae naturalis Helvetica (since 1925). As from 2000 online access in the Bibliography on Swiss History.

https://nb-bsg.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=41SNL_54_INST:bsg&lang=en

Catalogue of family names

Index articles published in serial publications and monographs with genealogical content. In alphabetical order of family names.

Catalogue of genealogical plates

Ancestor plates, dynasties, family chains; genealogical trees and plates held by the Prints and Drawings Department. Three parts: alphabetical catalogue of the authors; systematic catalogue of the family names; location catalogue (call numbers).

Catalogue of official serial publications

Periodical publications by public sector bodies (Confederation, cantons, communes, churches, etc.). Starting from June 2005, new titles are listed in Helveticat.

Catalogue of corporate and association publications (V-Katalog)

This card catalogue contains rules, regulations, protocols, reports, catalogues, brochures, commemorative brochures and other publications from associations and corporations, companies, industries, schools as well as cantonal or local cultural institutions in Switzerland. The collection has a yearly growth of approx. 8000 documents. Some of the publications in this collection are indexed in Helveticat (in particular, exhibition catalogues and commemorative publications (Festschriften).

Geographical catalogue of articles from serial publications

Articles published since 1913 on villages, towns, regions, districts, cantons, lakes and rivers, geological formations, caves etc., classified alphabetically by geographical names. Contains references from the Swiss bibliography of History (since 1913) and from the Bibliography scientiae naturalis Helvetica (since 1925).

Heraldic catalogue

Index of family coats of arms published in reference works. Maintained up to 1980.

Periodicals catalogue (P-Katalog)

All serials catalogued before June 2005: newspapers, magazines, series, annual publications (except publications of corporations and associations and carnival programme). The "P-Katalog" lists all periodicals that ceased publication prior to 1993 or were newly acquired up to May 2005. As of June 2005, new titles are only catalogued in Helveticat.

Special catalogues on microfiche (information room)

Bible catalog

Catalogue of the Karl J. Lüthi Bible Collection

Catalogue of official serial publications

Monographs published by public sector bodies (Confederation, cantons, municipalities, churches, etc.) are listed in part in Helveticat.

Offprints catalog

Catalogue of offprints from Swiss and foreign periodicals (from 1951).

Keyword index for serial catalogues

Alphabetical index of keywords in titles of serial publications, updated until about 1980, with cross references and NL call numbers.

Catalogues of manuscripts (SLA)

Lists the literary remains of the former manuscript department of the NL. Updated until 1993. All index cards are also available on microfiche. A part of them have been digitized and are available as an online inventory or in HelveticArchives. The literary manuscripts are managed by the Swiss Literary Archives (SLA), while the remaining parts of the old manuscript department are now part of the special collections in the Prints and Drawings Department of the NL.