

ACLAIR DIRECTORY OF LATIN AMERICAN AND IBERIAN AUDIOVISUAL COLLECTIONS (U.K.)

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The *ACLAIR Directory of Latin American and Iberian Audiovisual Collections* was originally conceived to bring to light and publicize audiovisual resources currently available in the United Kingdom for the study and research of Latin America and Iberia.

The Directory includes entries to 24 organizations and academic institutions with audiovisual holdings relating to these regions. Although not comprehensive, the listings provide an indication of the variety and breadth of these resources within the country. The directory will be updated on an annual basis to ensure that information is kept up-to-date.

Each entry in the directory contains a brief description of the nature and scope of the collections, information about access, and a contact name and email address. Amongst the holdings represented are feature films, documentaries, music and radio broadcasts in a variety of formats. The vast majority of the collections can be accessed online via the institution's or organisation's library catalogues. In most cases, material can be consulted on-site, but you are advised to call before visiting to avoid disappointment.

We hope that you will find the Directory useful and we thank all organisations and institutions which have provided information to make it possible.

BIRMINGHAM

University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT

Description

The collection contains between 100 and 500 titles principally in CD and DVD formats. It consists of feature films and documentaries. The main elements of the collection are Spanish and Portuguese language feature films and recordings of plays, as the Library has a significant interest in international film studies and drama. There are also significant numbers of documentaries (both original and recordings from TV programmes) in these languages, as well as multi-media language learning materials.

Only a small proportion of audio-visual material remains in cassette format. As cassette technology is no longer supported by the Library, users willing to consult such material may need to borrow it and use it on their own equipment.

Material is acquired by purchase. The Library is actively collecting material. Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is acceptable.

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue. The collection is held in the Media Room on the second floor of the Main Library; less frequently used material is held in the Research Reserve from which it can be requested online.

Material may be borrowed by registered members of the University on 'dynamic loan' – i.e. for as long as required, unless the item is requested by another user.

There are CD and DVD viewing facilities in the Media Room. Video tape and cassette technology are no longer supported by the Library.

For further information about collections and services see the University Library's [website](#).

Contact

[Collection Management Team](#)

BRISTOL

University of the West of England, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol

Description

The collection contains between 50 and 70 titles in DVD format. It consists of Spanish feature films acquired by purchase. The Library is no longer actively collecting material.

Users of the collection are mainly students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is acceptable.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

The Library's catalogue is available [here](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue. Off-air recordings are limited by the terms of the licence. Material is only available to students or library subscribers (if not a student, the user will need to pay a fee for membership)

Material may be borrowed.

Contact

[The Library](#)

CAMBRIDGE

Centre of Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge, 17 Mill Lane, Cambridge CB4 1JD

Description

The collection contains between 500 and 1,000 titles in DVD and VHS format. It consists of feature films and documentaries from most Latin American countries, especially Argentina, Brazil and Colombia. Material is acquired by purchase or donation.

Users of the collection include academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the Centre's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Centre's online catalogue.

Material may be borrowed by users with a "cam" address. Other users may have access rights only. Original copies cannot be lent for viewing off the premises. Please, note that the CLAS Library collection is now housed at the Seeley Library, Faculty of History, 7 West Road, CB3 9EF, Cambridge.

Contact

[Julie Coimbra](#)

Haddon Library of Archaeology & Anthropology, Downing St. Cambridge CB2 3DZ

Description

The collection contains up to 50 sound discs. It consists of audio books on archaeology and anthropology.

Users of the collection include academic researchers, students, and the general public. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue and may be restricted by the lack of facilities.

Material may be borrowed.

Contact

[Aidan Baker](#)

**Modern and Medieval Languages Faculty Library, University of Cambridge,
Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA**

Description

The collection contains 688 titles in a variety of formats (DVD, video tape, CD-ROM and CD). It consists of feature films, documentaries and music. The Library collects Latin American, Portuguese and Spanish films on DVD and makes them available to its readers for their use. It currently has several films in VHS format on videotapes. A collection of audio CDs intends to aid language learning. CD-ROMs are also acquired for this purpose.

Material is acquired by purchase and donation. The Library is actively collecting material, but increasingly less in CD or CD-ROM formats.

Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue and may be restricted by copyright laws, ownership restrictions, and limited opening hours.

Material may be borrowed.

Contact

[Matthias Ammon](#)

CANTERBURY

University of Kent, Templeman Library, University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NU

Description

The collection contains between 50 and 100 titles in DVD and video tape format. It consists of feature films and documentaries on literature (Iberian Peninsula and Latin America) and politics (Latin America). Material is acquired by purchase. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is acceptable.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue.

Material may be borrowed.

Contact

[Subject librarians](#)

COLCHESTER

**University of Essex, The Albert Sloman Library, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester
CO4 3SQ**

Description

The collection contains between 100 and 500 titles in DVD, video tape and CD-ROM format. The collection comprises mainly Latin American feature films. There are also some documentaries about Latin America in the arts, humanities and social sciences fields. Material is acquired by purchase. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#) (from the "Website A to Z" list, click on DVDs or Videos):

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue.

Material may be borrowed.

Contact

[Esther Wilkinson](#)

COVENTRY

University of Warwick Library, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry CV4 7AL

Description

The collection contains between 50 and 100 titles in DVD and video tape format. It consists of feature films, mostly Spanish, with a small number of Latin American films. Material is acquired by purchase and includes off-air recordings. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is acceptable.

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue and may be restricted copyright laws and the lack of facilities.

Material may be borrowed.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

Contact

[Richard Perkins](#)

University Library, University of Exeter, Stocker Road, Exeter, Devon EX4 4PT

Description

The collection contains between 100 and 500 titles in DVD and video tape format. It consists of feature films for film studies acquired by purchase and donation. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue and may be restricted by copyright laws. Material may be borrowed.

Contact

[Library Liaison Team](#)

LIVERPOOL

University of Liverpool. Sydney Jones Library, University of Liverpool, PO Box 123, Liverpool L69 3DA

Description

The collection contains between 100 and 500 titles in DVD and video tape format. It consists of feature films and documentaries acquired by purchase. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is acceptable.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue and may be restricted by ownership restrictions and the lack of facilities (there are no facilities to watch videos or DVDs in the Library).

Material may be borrowed.

Contact

[Catherine McManamon](#)

University of Liverpool . The Language Lounge, 1/063, 1-7 Abercromby Square, Liverpool L69 7WY

Description

The collection contains around 300 titles in DVD and video tape format. It consists of feature films and documentaries acquired by purchase and licensed recordings from TV broadcasts. There are over 200 Spanish and Portuguese course-books with accompanying CDs or cassettes, acquired by purchase. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is acceptable.

For further information about collections and services see the Language Lounge MLRC [website](#).

Access to the collections

Details of each item are available through the University of Liverpool's Library's online catalogue, at library.liv.ac.uk. Most items are for loan, but many films and a small range of standard sources are for reference only.

Borrowing is restricted to UoL staff and students.

Contact

[The Language Lounge](#)

[Veronika Koeper-Saul](#)

LONDON

British Film Institute, 21 Stephen Street, London W1T 1LN

Description

The collection contains over 1,000 titles in a variety of formats (DVD, video tape, CD-ROM and audio cassette). It consists of feature films, documentaries, music and oral history on the moving image and the history of the moving image (film, television, digital). Material is acquired by donation.

Users of the collection are mainly academic researchers. The collection is stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions and its condition is acceptable.

For further information about collections and services see the Institute's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Institute's online catalogue and may be restricted by copyright laws, the condition of the collections and limited opening hours.

Material may be borrowed.

Contact

[David Sharp](#)

The British Library Sound Archive, 96, Euston Road, London NW1 2DB

Description

The collection contains over 1,000 titles in a variety of formats (DVD, video tape, CD-ROM, CD, audio cassette, vinyl, wax cylinders, digital).

The collections consist of feature films, documentaries, music, and radio programmes. These include music, drama and literature, oral history and wildlife sounds. Copies of commercial recordings issued in the UK and selected commercial recordings from overseas, radio broadcasts and collections of privately-made recordings are acquired. The archive also contains a collection of printed material relating to sound recordings, including books and periodicals from around the world, discographies and a large collection of commercial record catalogues dating back to 1900.

Material is acquired by purchase, donation and exchange. The Archive is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection include academic researchers, students and the general public. The collection is stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions and

its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the Archive's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Archive's online catalogue and may be restricted by copyright laws, ownership restrictions and the condition of the collection. Listening and viewing service on-site is available (details on the website).

Material may not be borrowed.

Contact

[Richard Ranft](#)

Institute for the Study of the Americas Library, University of London Research Library Services, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

Description

The collection contains between 500 and 1,000 titles in DVD, video tape and CD-ROM format. It consists of feature films, documentaries, some TV recordings and a small amount of music related to the America. The collection has a very broad coverage: politics, social issues, human rights, anthropology, development, literature, culture, history, ecological issues, topical issues. A large proportion of the collection consists of documentaries.

Material is acquired by purchase, donation and exchange. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions and its condition is very good.

Access to the collections

Access is via listings and the Library's online catalogue to ULRSL users. Day-ticket access to the Library for non-Library members is available - for full membership information see <http://senatehouselibrary.ac.uk/membership/>

Material may not be borrowed.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#)

ISA's film/DVD holdings are now mostly catalogued and can be searched for via the library catalogue. The few remaining items will be added as an ongoing project.

The University of London Research Library Services catalogue is available [here](#).

Contact

[Laurence Byrne](#)

Instituto Cervantes. Reina Sofía Library. 15-19 Devereux Court, London WC2R 3JJ

Description

The collection contains more than 6,000 titles in a variety of formats (DVD, CD, CD-ROM and online resources).

The collection consist of feature films, TV shows, documentaries, music and audiobooks. These include music, drama, short movies and literature. Material is acquired by purchase, donation and exchange. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection include academic researchers, students and the general public. The collection is stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions and its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the [Library website](#)

Access to the collections

Access is via the [Library's online catalogue](#). Once there, select "Búsqueda avanzada" and then "Sonoros" or "Videograbaciones".

There is also a [blog/catalogue](#) for the film collection.
Material may be borrowed.

Contact

[Carmen Rossell](#)

International Coffee Organization, 222 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8HB

Description

The collection contains up to 50 titles in DVD and CD-ROM format. It consists of documentaries on the coffee production and processing, including technical information, as well as socio-economic and cultural aspects. Material is acquired by purchase or donation. The organisation is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection include academic researchers (in particular coffee industry and media researchers) and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the organization's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is in person at the organisation.

Reference library. Material may not be borrowed.

Contact

[The Library](#)

RIBA Library & Information Centre, 66, Portland Place, London W1B 1AD

Description

The collection contains a small number of audiovisual titles in a variety of formats (DVD, video tape, CD-ROM, sound disc). These include material relating to Spain, Portugal and Latin America covering all aspects of architecture and architectural material.

Users of the collection are RIBA members and the general public.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).
And the Library's online [catalogue](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue. Go to *Advanced Search* and type the name of the country as your keyword. Scroll down to the *Format* box and choose *AV* in the drop down list of options. Click on *Search*.

Material may not be borrowed.

Contact

[RIBA](#)

The Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 5BT

Description

The collection contains over 1,000 titles in a variety of formats (DVD, video tape, 16mm, Umatic, BetaSP, Digibeta, Dvcam, minidv). It consists of worldwide ethnographical documentaries acquired by purchase or donation. The Institute is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection include researchers (industry researchers in particular) and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is acceptable.

For further information about collections and services see the Institute's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via listings and may be restricted by copyright laws, the condition of the collections, the lack of facilities or limited opening hours.

Lending charges apply.

Material may be borrowed. However, some areas are restricted or only to be consulted on site.

Contact

[Anthropology Library](#)

University College London, Main Library, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT

Description

The collection contains around 200 titles in DVD and video tape format. It consists of feature films and documentaries purchased to follow taught course requirements. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection include academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue and may be restricted by the condition of the collections and limited opening hours. UCL Library membership is required and access is available during serviced hours only.

Material may not be borrowed.

Contact

[Giulia Garoli](#)

University of Greenwich, Dreadnought Library, Maritime Greenwich Campus, Greenwich, London SE10 9LS

Description

The collection contains up to 50 titles in DVD and video tape format. It consists of feature films and documentaries that feature in the University lectures reading lists and is acquired by purchase. The Library is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection are mainly students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is acceptable.

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue and may be restricted by opening hours.

Material may be borrowed.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

Contact

[Irene Barranco Garcia](#)

Taylor Institution Library, University of Oxford, St Giles', Oxford OX1 3NA

Description

The collection holds circa 600 Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American films, mostly DVDs but also some video tapes, as well as music and audio books on CD, vinyl, and audio cassette. Spanish- and Portuguese-language films are acquired for the use of undergraduates, postgraduates and academics, especially those concentrating on film studies. The Library is actively collecting material.

The library also holds a special collection of material donated by the late Dr. Robert Pring-Mill, Latin American scholar and expert on Pablo Neruda. The collection includes approximately 140 cassettes, 75 LPs and a small number of CDs and VHS tapes, mainly of Latin American music and poetry.

Users of the collection are academic researchers and students. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is very good.

For further information about collections and services see the Library's [website](#).

The Library's catalogue is available [here](#).

Access to the collections

Access is via the Library's online catalogue and may be restricted by limited opening hours.

Lending is restricted to members of the University.

Contact

[Helen Scott](#), Film Studies subject librarian.

[Joanne Ferrarj](#), Subject Consultant (Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures)

RUGBY

Practical Action. The Schumacher Centre for Technology & Development. Bourton Hall. Bourton on Dunsmore. Rugby CV23 9QZ

Description

The collection contains up to 50 titles in DVD, video tape and CD-ROM format. It consists of documentaries on appropriate technology and development issues, mostly from the organisation's own footage. Practical Action is actively collecting material.

Users of the collection include academic researchers, students, the general public and development workers. The collection is not stored in temperature- or humidity-controlled conditions but its condition is acceptable.

For further information about collections and services see the Practical Action's [website](#).

Access to the collections

Access is restricted by the lack of facilities.
Material may not be borrowed.

Contact

[Practical Action](#)