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MAZARINE LIBRARY REGULATIONS

1. ACCESS

The Library is public, open to readers and visitors from Monday to Friday from 10 am to 6 pm. It is closed from 1 to 15 August;
Exceptional closing days may be posted in the reading room and on the website.
Access to the library is subject to presentation of identification or a reader's card.

1.1. Readers

Any person wanting to use the services provided by the Library must have a valid reader's card. Readers must show their cards at the entrance to the reading room, then deposit them at the circulation desk, where they will be attributed a seat number.

1.2. Visitors

Individual visits (up to 5 people) are permitted during opening hours, in silence, following a recommended itinerary.

2. REGISTRATION

Registration of readers is done at the library, during opening hours, by the duty librarian, on presentation of an original identity document (passport, national ID card, driver's licence, short- or long-term residency permit) and parental permission for minors. A data sheet must be filled in at the first registration and updated at each subsequent registration. The reader may choose between:

- a temporary pass, valid for five consecutive working days, free of charge, not renewable within the same year, or
- an annual card, costing € 15, subject to provision of two identity photographs.

Members of the five Academies, the staff of the French Institute, and curators of French archives, libraries and museums are exonerated from registration fees.

The pass and annual card are strictly personal. Loss or theft of the annual card or pass must be immediately reported to the library.

3. CONSULTATION OF THE COLLECTIONS

- Readers are asked to wash their hands before entering the reading room.
- Library material is to be consulted within the library only. Some items, marked as such in the catalogue, cannot be issued immediately: the library shall inform the reader when they are available in the reading room.
- Requests for items must be made before 5.30 pm.
- Early books, manuscripts and material from the rare books room are consulted at seats numbered 31 to 50, where only pencil may be used. Consultation of this material must be justified and permission obtained from the duty librarian. If a substitute document is available, it will be proposed first. Prior permission must be obtained from the director to consult works in the special books room and the archives.
- Readers are responsible for the material issued to them. Nothing must be laid on the books except equipment provided by the library; readers must not lean on the books or pile them up.
- Readers are asked to observe the duty librarian's instructions about consulting and handling the books (maximum opening angle, support, number of books issued at one time, occasional impossibility of setting books aside).
- Readers must return books to the circulation desk under the best possible conditions. They should ask the staff for assistance with numerous, fragile or bulky items.
- Books may be set aside, except for works in the special books room, up to 15 consecutive days for current documents, 8 consecutive days for old books and material from the rare books room.

4. REPRODUCTION

4.1. Reproduction for personal use is allowed as long as it is legal and the condition of the document permits it:

- photocopy for post-1900 works (fee and request to be made before 5 pm for delivery the same day) ;
- direct digital photography; for pre-1900 works the photography is subject to the authorisation of the duty librarian and signature of a special form;
- printouts of electronic or microfilm resources (a fee will be charged).

4.2. Reproduction for public use is done by the Library and a fee is charged. All public use of reproductions of documents in the Mazarine Library is subject to prior permission and entails payment of a specific fee (see rates) and the legal deposit of the publication concerned.

5. LEAVING THE LIBRARY

- Readers may not leave the library, even temporarily, unless they have returned or set aside all the works issued to them.
- Before leaving the library, whether they have consulted material or not, readers must ask the circulation desk for a token to be handed in at the reception desk as they leave.
- Readers and visitors must systematically present their bags, handbags, luggage and folders open to the staff whenever they leave the reading room.

6. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- No food, drinks or liquid of any kind, voluminous objects or bags are permitted in the reading room.
- The tables are for consulting documents only: no other object may be put on them apart from work instruments.
- Collective work is not permitted.
- Readers are expected to behave courteously towards other readers and the staff, observe the silence and help maintain an atmosphere suitable for study and research.
- They must be quiet in the stairs and courtyard of the Institut de France; smoking and eating are not permitted in those areas.
- Telephone conversations are not permitted in the reading room; readers are asked to put their computers, telephones and cameras in silent mode.
- Computer workstations are available to readers: priority is given to consulting the catalogue, using the library's electronic resources and requesting books.
- The director's prior authorisation is required for any photo shoots (except for reproductions of documents, see article 4.1) filmmaking, reportages, and filmed interviews.
- The Library cannot be held liable for the loss of any objects or personal effects belonging to the readers.

7. APPLICATION AND OBSERVANCE OF THE REGULATIONS

- These regulations are published on the library's website and given to readers at registration.
- Readers registering with the library agree to observe with the regulations and follow the staff's instructions to that effect.
- They agree to observe with the regulations of information technology facilities, Charte du bon usage des équipements et ressources informatiques, published on the library's website and given to readers at registration.
- Failure to observe the regulations can lead to temporary or permanent exclusion from the library, without reimbursement, even in part, of the cost of the annual card. The offender shall be notified of his or her exclusion by the director of the library.
- The library staff, under the director's authority, shall assure the application of the regulations.

The regulations come into force on 3 January 2012.

The director of the Mazarine Library

Yann SORDET