Members, Visitors, and their companions or partners all receive full access to the physical and digital research collections of Princeton University Library (PUL). While IAS provides many Princeton-connected services, you can also get your own PUL library card by visiting their Access Office, just inside the door in Firestone Library. You’ll need your IAS ID card, as well as another photo ID showing your permanent address. Once issued, the card allows you to check out items from all PUL circulating libraries, including smaller branches such as the Mendel Music Library.

Princeton University Library provides access to online library resources to the Institute community. These resources are available without login through computers connected to one of the following: the Institute wired network, an IAS VPN connection, or the ‘eduroam’ Wi-Fi network. You can also request a Princeton NetID for specific e-book databases.

If you have any difficulties with access please contact Emma C. Moore (emoore@ias.edu).

Other nearby libraries

Princeton Public Library offers a wealth of programs for adults, children, and teens. Princeton University’s Cotsen Children’s Library offers weekly programming and activities for children.

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We are happy to start your Institute journey with you, and pleased to assist you in using the collections here or at Princeton University Library.

The Mathematics-Natural Sciences Library collection was initially built in 1935 from a number of private contributions, by members and patrons alike. The books were temporarily housed at Princeton University’s Fine Hall, at the request of Abraham Flexner, the founding Director of the Institute. They were moved to newly built Fuld Hall in 1939, and the collection expanded through a founding grant by the Bambers, under the direction of Prof. Hermann Weyl and Dr. Alfred T. Brauer. As the Institute and the Library grew, the Astrophysics and Physics Libraries were later established in Bloomberg Hall. The library now holds over 12,000 monographs and subscriptions to over 150 journals, as well as an extensive collection focused on the collected works of mathematicians.

The Fuld Library reading room is available 24-7 for quiet research, writing and other work; and Library staff on-site to assist 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays.

Mathematics–
Natural Sciences Library

Collections

The library contains core research level books in pure and applied mathematics, theoretical and high-energy physics, astrophysics, and systems biology. The library’s collection is clustered by subject at the following locations:

Fuld Hall, 2nd floor – Mathematics and physics books, bound and current issues of journals

Bloomberg Hall – Astrophysics books

Bloomberg Hall Seminar Room – Systems Biology books

Lower level, Historical Studies-Social Science Library – select bound older periodicals

Check our website each month for a list of Newly Arrived: https://library.ias.edu/mn/newholdings

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Services

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• Interlibrary loan for materials not available at the Institute or Princeton University: https://library.ias.edu/hs/ias/ill

• Reference assistance

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Scanning and Computers

We have a photocopier, printer, and digital scanner available in the landing stacks area. You are also welcomed to use several computers available in the Fuld library: one PC in the main reading room, and two Macs in the East Stack Room and current periodicals room.

Digital Resources

Subscriptions to digital materials are available through our catalog, and from Princeton University Library. Talk to us if you have a specific resource in mind.