

Non English Language Fiction collection

The Non-English language fiction collections database has been compiled by Conarls, in cooperation with, and on behalf of, its members, to help library staff quickly identify sources of material available for inter-lending within and beyond their own regions. The database describes collections not individual title

The database includes over 1400 entries for collections in 65 languages from Afrikaans to Yoruba.

We are currently encouraging libraries to add their holdings info to this database, particularly as the requests for such material are on the increase.

If you know of any collections in your stock, let me know and I will provide the templates for adding the information.

How do I access it?

Click on the www.swrls.org.uk website and then Interlending Searches / Language Resources, or save the direct link to your favourites
<http://www.swrls.org.uk/index.asp?ID=271>

Where has this information come from?

These collections have been identified in libraries across England and Scotland. The East of England, East Midlands, London, North West, Scotland, South West, Yorkshire and Humberside regions have all contributed information about holdings and indicated whether the material is available for interlending to other libraries in their region and beyond.

What's not included?

There are currently no entries for libraries in the North East, South East, West Midlands, Wales and Ireland. (But Conarls will continue to encourage their input).

How can I include my library's collection holdings information?

Information about non-English language fiction collections not already included is always welcome. A template for gathering the data is available and I will be happy to organise the input of any new or revised information for the database if you get in touch.

What types of libraries have provided details of their collections?

The database mainly includes holdings of public libraries however the Scottish entries include University, National, Public, Education, College and specialist libraries such as the Goethe Institute and the Library of the French Institute.

How big are the collections of material?

Many of the collections are small. Over 500 have less than 50 titles, 130 collections have between 50 and 100 titles and 350 collections have more than 100 titles.

Material available for interlending

Many of the collections listed are available to other libraries within and beyond the organisation's own region. A small number of collections are not available for loan, however their information has been included to help build up a picture of the range of non-English language fiction resources held in libraries across the country.

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