Welcome to the Pavelló de la República!
The Municipality of Barcelona, Josep Maria Figueras and the University of Barcelona agreed, in 1994, to unite the bibliographic collections of the CEHI and the Biblioteca Figueras. A few years later, the two collections were transferred to the Pavelló de la República. As a result of the union, the library has become an international benchmark on the subjects of the Spanish Civil War, Second Spanish Republic, Exile, Franco Regime and the Transition to democracy, with a special emphasis on Catalonia.

Besides these main topics, the Library also holds a large collection of documents on the former the Soviet Union and the countries within its sphere of influence, 20th century international politics and especially the Second World War. Finally, it has a remarkable collection on 20th century economic history of Central and South America, consisting of books, journals and archive materials.

The library is open to everybody.

Monographs and leaflets
The collection comprises approximately 150,000 titles, many of which are rare.

Periodicals
More than 14,500 titles, ranging from the end of the 19th century to the present time, especially Spanish Civil War, Second Spanish Republic and exile. There is also a notable collection of political and trade union clandestine press of the Franco Regime and publications of neighbourhood associations, political parties and trade unions after they became legal.

Audio recordings
More than a hundred cassettes and CDs, ranging from Falange or Republican songs to speeches of politicians.

Video recordings
There are approximately 200 videos and DVDs.

Posters
There are more than 10,000 posters. About 3,000 of those date from the period of the Second Republic and the Civil War. 1,200 are digitalised and can be accessed on the UB catalogue and the Memòria Digital de Catalunya:
All the rest address politics, economics, social and cultural life in Catalonia and Spain from the Franco Regime to the present day.

Paper money
There are more than 300 banknotes issued by town councils mostly during the Spanish Civil War and can be accessed on the UB catalogue and the Memòria Digital de Catalunya:

Stamps
1,096 stamps issued mostly between 1900 and 1950, the highlights here is the collection issued by the association “Friends of the Soviet Union”. Access on the UB catalogue and the MDC:

Stickers
The collection comprises some 15,000 stickers that correspond to political, economic, social and cultural events which have taken place in Catalonia and Spain from the Franco Regime to the present day.

Memorabilia
This collection is made up of flags, pennants, match boxes, cigarette lighters, insignias, and badges, all created for propaganda purposes by different political parties, trade unions and cultural organizations.

Archive documentary collections
There are two archive collections, the collection of the CEHI and the collection of the Josep Maria Figueras Foundation, both are very similar in terms of the period they cover and their subject and format.

- DH and F-DH. Historical Documents Series: From 1850 to the end of the Spanish Civil War.
- DO and F-DO. Exile Documents Series: Documents written in exile.
- FV and F-FV. Leaflet Series: From 1939 to the present day
- FP and F-FP. Personal Documents Series: Comprises 113 personal files
- AG and F-AG Graphic Archive Series: Graphic material: pictures, postcards, calendars, paper money and stamps
- DU University Series: Related to universities and student movements in Catalonia and Spain from the Second Spanish Republic to the present day.
- MAS Massip Archive: Documents related basically to the PSUC in exile.
- MIL Movimiento Ibérico de Liberación Archive: Documents about the political and armed activities of this organization and its relationship with other freedom fighting groups.
- AM Moscow Archive: Documents from the KGB Archive in Moscow recording the role played by the Soviet Union in the Spanish Civil War
- SA Salamanca Archive: Documents of CNT and UGT from 1936-1938

Inventories in the Pavelló de la República website:
To find a document
To find a document or book you can consult the catalogue of the UB’s Learning and Research Resources Centre (CRAI), either from a computer in the Library or else from home by going to the UB webpage: http://cataleg.ub.edu/*eng

Online monograph collections
On our website you’ll find information relating to specific subjects, such as the exile, the Second Spanish Republic, the Spanish Civil War air raids, the Franco Regime, and the period of history known as the Spanish transition to democracy.

Special services: access to library resources and materials
The Library facilitates access to its resources and can provide reproductions of materials for professionals involved in the production of exhibitions and documentaries. For further information, consult our webpage.

The Pavelló de la República Building
The Library is housed in the Pavelló de la República Building, which is a replica of the original building designed by the architects Josep Lluís Sert and Luis Lacasa for the Paris International Exhibition of 1937. More about the building on the webpage: http://www.bib.ub.edu/en/libraries/pavello-republica/expos/pavilion-of-the-republic/

The Pavelló is also home to the Centre for International Historical Studies (CEHI), which was founded by Jaume Vicens Vives in 1949. For information on the Centre and its research, activities and publications, you can consult the following webpage: http://www.ub.edu/cehi/