

0A. CONTEMPORARY FICTION COLLECTION (ITALIAN AND MAIN FOREIGN LANGUAGES)

The contemporary fiction collection consists of more than 15,000 volumes and thus represents just more than 20% of the library's open-shelf collection. This section registers the highest number of loans and can therefore be regarded as the most attractive area for library users.

The volumes are shelved in alphabetical order, by author and title: the first three letters of the name of the author are followed by the first three letters of the book title. To avoid confusion in cases of writers with the same name, or who have a similar name, an additional sorting element was added to most volumes.

This is the “book number”, consisting of the first letter of the author’s last name and a numerical code, which allows the unique identification of the author and allows their works to be placed close together. As an additional aid in the selection of books, the upper part of the book tags often includes a coloured band that can be used to identify the work within specific narrative fields (for example detective stories, romance fiction, etc.).

The collection includes more than 2,000 volumes in foreign languages. These books, which are also arranged by author and title, are grouped by language, as shown by the two-letter abbreviation at the top of the spine.