

0B. CHINESE COLLECTION

The foreign language section also includes a selection of works in Chinese. This already existing section was updated and enriched in 2022 and 2023 thanks to a donation from the Guangzhou Library (a city in southern China, better known as Canton, with a population of around 16 million). This donation is the result of a twinning between the municipalities of Genoa and Guangzhou, which has been ongoing since 2016 and which, since 2021, has involved the city libraries.

The Guangzhou Library is a true giant: in 2013, it was moved to its current location, within a cultural hub that also includes the provincial museum and the opera house. It boasts over 10 million volumes, has 4,500 seats, and provides 750 computers for users.

The Chinese Collection offers an overview of modern China and of the interests and preferences of its inhabitants, with many tourist guides covering all regions of China, with a particular focus on Guangzhou. It includes an interesting selection of texts on the history and literature of the country, also in the form of comics, on its geography, thanks to illustrated and historical atlases, and on other topics such as medicine and wellness, fashion, customs, calligraphy, cuisine, and beverages, particularly tea. Finally, there are biographies of famous Chinese figures, historical characters, comics, and books for school-age and preschool children.