## 2C. PERIODICAL COLLECTION AND THE DIGITAL NEWSSTAND

The Periodical Collection represents a significant and important part of the Berio's bibliographic and documentary heritage. Alongside attention and care for historical publications, some of which date back to the private collection of Abbot Berio, is a strongly contemporary approach to consultation.

Among the particularly relevant ancient periodicals, we can find some Genoese newspapers, such as: "Avvisi", the first periodical born in 1777, The "Giornale degli amici del popolo" (1797), the "Gazzetta di Genova" (1797), the "Monitore ligure" (1798) and the "Giornale ligustico di scienze, lettere e arti" (1827).

Just like the Local Collection, the Periodical one was also severely damaged by the bombings of 1942. Out of the 183 newspapers present in the library in 1920, only 76 remain today, of which only 25 still preserve some original volumes from past centuries; the others were lost or replaced by copies acquired in the post-war period. Following the reopening of the library, the selection of subscriptions was constantly and progressively increased to offer readers a very rich panorama of periodical publications.

To meet the modern needs of consultation, the Berio Library has equipped itself with the MLOL Digital Newsstand ("Media Library Online"). This is a virtual space reserved for library members, offering them free and open access to more than 7,000 newspapers from all over the world. It allows to browse through major national and international newspapers (from Corriere della Sera to Il Sole 24 Ore, from the Washington Post to Le Monde), widely distributed magazines (such as Vanity Fair), and several local newspapers (including, of course, Il Secolo XIX).