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**Collections of the Library and Center
of Documentation “Antonio Maceo”**



The “Antonio Maceo” Library and Documentation Center, of the Auxiliary Offices of the National Assembly of People's Power and the Council of State, directed and managed by the Independent Department of Library and Parliamentary Classroom, offers information and knowledge products and services to different audiences.

It has the category of specialized library, and at the same time the particularity of being a parliamentary library, which makes it the only one of its kind in the country.

It is a key information unit in the support and development of legal and legislative issues of the nation, facilitating access and dissemination of the information resources it holds and collaborating in the processes of creation and transmission of knowledge.

Since 2021 it has been part of the Network of Parliamentary Libraries of Latin America and the Caribbean (Biparlac).

Work is being done on the digitization of the bibliographic and documentary collections that we have, in order to put them on the web.



Below, learn about the collections that are treasured here.

1. Collection "Documents of the National Assembly of People's Power"

In this collection, one to three copies of the documents that are generated and discussed by parliament are kept in trunks in the Documentation Center.



The center is equipped with the necessary air conditioning for the conservation of the documents stored there. Only deputies and researchers have access to these with prior authorization from the highest manager authorized for the activity.



It is emphasized that these documents are essential for the work of the "National Assembly of the People's Power of Cuba", they collect the Cuban constitutional and parliamentary history, with meetings held at the Convention Palace in Havana. Hence, there are reports and minutes, from its constitution in 1976 to the present.

These documents are the result of the accountability reports of the provincial governments and the high oversight of the ministries, with their respective opinions of the Permanent Labor Commissions (CPT) of the Cuban parliament.

2. Collection “Constitutional and Parliamentary”

The “Constitutional and Parliamentary” Collection is made up of those books and magazines that talk about the parliamentary and constitutional work of Cuba and other countries in the world. Parliamentarism being one of the main subject areas of the “Antonio Maceo” Library and Documentation Center.

It has the constitutions of the countries of: Latin America, Austria, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Central America and the Dominican Republic, Korea, Cuba, China, Egypt, Spain, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Haiti, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lao, Madagascar, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Namibia, Portugal, Sweden, former USSR.

It has other passive bibliographies with histories of the Constitutions, reforms and comparative analysis, Session Diaries of various countries, history of Legislative Bodies, and history of the buildings of different senates.

Within these Subcollections are located all the information about the National Assembly of People's Power (ANPP), the Central American Parliament (Parlacen), the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino), the Andean Parliament and the Interparliamentary Union (UIP).

They preserve hundreds of parliamentary journals, which provide a more integrated vision of the legislative processes in Europe and America, their greatest usefulness lies in comparative studies.

Among its potentialities is “The Book of Constitutions” by doctors Torres-Cuevas and Suárez Suárez.



You can also consult a variety of books about Popular Power in Cuba, from its beginnings to the present.



Learn here about the work carried out by the National Assembly of People's Power and the Council of State. This book has also been translated into English and French. It mentions the first assembly of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cuba in Armas, in Guáimaro, in 1869.



In these books you will be able to learn about the work of the delegate, accountability, the functioning of popular councils, municipal assemblies of Popular Power and work in commissions. Other titles refer to the Cuban Electoral System, the Cuban Political System and the Cuban Penitentiary System. The speeches and interventions of Blas Roca Calderío, Ricardo Alarcón de Quesada, Esteban Lazo Hernández, Fidel and Raúl Castro Ruz transcend.

The previous operating regulations of the municipal and provincial assemblies, the food plans and programs, the methodology of Attention to the Population and the Code of Ethics of the Cadres are preserved. To mention a title: "Elections, parliament and democracy in Cuba", by Jorge Lezcano Pérez.

3. Collection “Legal”



The collection brings together more than a thousand titles of books on theories, procedures, laws and regulations of the different branches of law.

In it you can find a large part of Cuban legislation, which governs the principles and precepts of society.

Of fundamental use, the “Orderly and complete compilation of Cuban legislation” by Milo A. Borges is highlighted; the first revolutionary laws; among other books.

Likewise, we have legal magazines, including the Bulletin of the Supreme People's Court and the magazine “Justicia y Derecho”.

There are books autographed by the authors or with the seal of their previous owners, among them Emilio Roig de Leuchsenring and those that belonged to Osvaldo Dorticós Torrado, the first president that Cuba had after the revolutionary triumph.



4. Collection "Cuba and its provinces"



As its name indicates, it treasures books from Cuba and its provinces, divided into: eastern region, central region and western region.

Among the most important books in the collection are: "Cuba (1762-1970)", "Documents of the Cuban Revolution (1959-1964)", "The trial of Moncada" and "History of Cuba (1492-1999)".

It brings together books about trees, rum, heroes, industry, economy, democracy and photos of Cuba. Among the provinces, Havana and Guantánamo stand out, with the greatest number of publications.

You can also find a sample of the bulletins and magazines initiatives of the municipal assemblies and former provincial assemblies of Popular Power.



Likewise, it is made up of the Subcollection "Political and Mass Organizations", which has books generated by the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC), the Union of Young Communists (UJC), the Federation of Cuban Women (FMC), the Central of Workers of Cuba (CTC) and the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution (CDR). The main potential is the topics prepared by the Editorial de La Mujer, which address the precepts of the organization and the figure of Vilma Espín.

Here we see the memories of different congresses held by these political and mass organizations, studies carried out, training courses and other texts.



5. Reference Works (dictionaries, encyclopedias and directories)

The collection is made up of directories, dictionaries and encyclopedias. The value lies in the fact that they are reference works that allow us to make a first approach to the subject being studied.

The National Directory of Communication, the Great Illustrated Larousse Encyclopedia and the Dictionary of Legislation stand out. The latter is very



suitable for legal and parliamentary studies, thus highlighting the Dictionary of Electoral and Parliamentary Terms.

Reference works are par excellence the first source of consultation in case of research, explaining the concepts and suggesting other sources of mandatory consultation that clarify the topic in question.

In the digital library you can also consult an Interactive Spanish Dictionary.

The New Legal Encyclopedia, by F. Seix Editor and the Dictionary of qualities, defects and other evils of the Cuban are of great value.

6. Newspaper library and sound library (various magazines, Official Gazettes and national press, CD and other formats)

This fund is made up of serial publications, including various magazines, Official Gazettes and the flat press. It contains more than 1000 titles including magazines, brochures and foldings. Among the most numerous we find: Socialist Cuba, Bohemia, Somos Jóvenes and Temas.



Bound or pamphlet-type gazettes, ranging from the Havana Gazette of 1886 to 1996; and the Official Gazettes of the Republic, from 1902 to the present.

The national press is frequently received and there are few copies of the international press. There are files and trunks with newspapers or clippings from them.

The subcollection "CD and other formats" has trunks with numerous discs of different materials, including photographs of visits and audiovisual materials. The formats vary from CD, DVD, VCD, cassettes, floppy disks and VHS, the latter formats, in many cases have been migrated due to their technological obsolescence.



7. Collection "EE.UU"

The collection is made up of more than a hundred titles fundamentally concerning the relations established by the United States with Cuba, Venezuela and other countries in the region; characterized by interference and blockade.



These books record events that had the hand of the United States behind them, such as the attack on the Cuban airliner on October 6, 1976 and Operation Peter Pan.

Similarly, there is an older title, the document "Against the annexation", written by José Antonio Saco, published in 1848, before Cuba became a neocolony of that country. Who, although he was not a supporter of independence, wanted "that Cuba was not only rich, enlightened, moral and powerful, but that it was also Cuban and not Anglo-Saxon."

Besieged by this imperialist power since 1959: Cuban Adjustment, Helms-Burton, Torricelli and others, we have some of their codes.



8. Collection "Personalities" (Martí, Fidel, Che Guevara, Lenin, 5 Heroes and biographies of other figures)

This collection is made up of books, pamphlets and magazines by personalities, which has the potential for speeches and reflections on different topics.

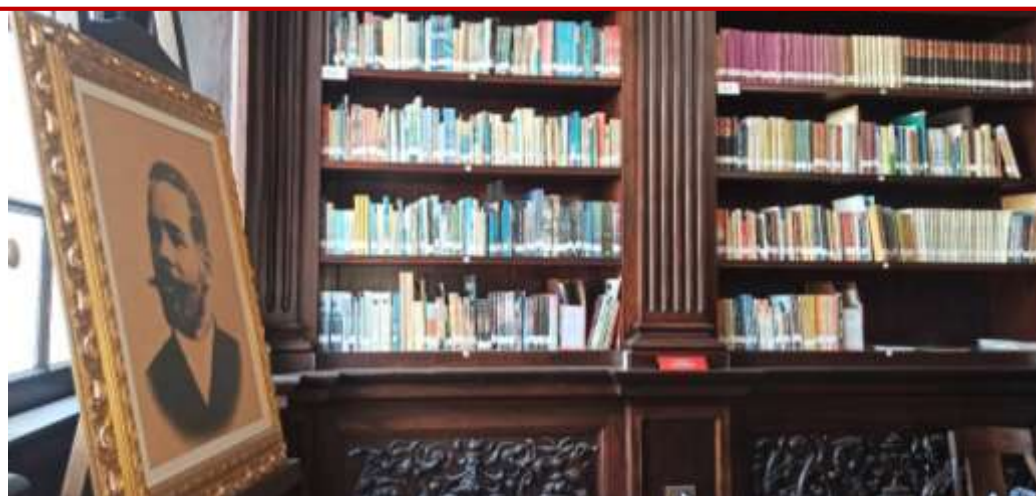
In addition, there are numerous books by Lenin, his complete works, by Che in his economic and guerrilla thought, by José Martí his active and passive bibliography, by the 5 heroes and other Cuban and foreign personalities: Celia Sánchez, Máximo Gómez and Rosa Luxemburgo, for example, mention a few.



It has great potential, as it allows us to learn about the life and work of illustrious figures in Cuban and foreign history and culture, who have left their mark on humanity.

The complete works of José Martí and the Martiano Dictionary are mandatory consultation for students and teachers of the National Education System. In other countries of America the work of the National Apostle is also studied.

“The Master,” as they called him, inspired the “Centenary Generation,” led by Fidel Castro Ruz. A large number of titles written by him and by other authors who studied or interviewed him, such as Ignacio Ramonet, are preserved from the Commander the Chief.



9. Collection "Generalities, Philosophy and Religion"

The collection is made up of books related to computing, museology, library and information sciences, journalism and communication, philosophy and religion.



This collection highlights the beauty of bindings and large books, essentially those that show illustrations from museum galleries around the world. To point out some are from the Museums of Europe series, the museums of Florence, the German museums and the house museum of Bolívar and Manuela.

Elements of the history of philosophy, representative works, philosophical foundations, dialectical and historical materialism, scientific communism, political economy of capitalism, church history, social, basically Roman Catholic religion are addressed. Being its potentialities: "Information Systems", "Organizational Communication", "History of Philosophy" and the "Holy Bible".



Those related to journalistic writing, interviews, reports, essays, chronicles and other genres are located. How to write scripts, television production, good practices in communication and advertising.

10. Collection “Natural, Exact and Applied Sciences”

Casi medio millar de títulos acerca de la tecnología, la industrialización, el urbanismo, las ciencias médicas, las estadísticas y la zoología.



Repiten los cuadernos de la Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OPS) y la enciclopedia “Evolución de la humanidad”. Dentro de las ciencias médicas hay libros de psicología, prevención de enfermedades, cuidados y autocuidado, subrayando el tema de las adicciones.

El tema de la protección del medio ambiente, con énfasis en evitar la contaminación de la atmósfera, mediante el uso de fuentes de energía renovables, principalmente la solar y la eólica. En nuestro país existen muchos programas de los que abordan estos libros, explicando su implementación y desarrollo.



Entre las estadísticas sobresalen la “Guía oficial de béisbol (1998, 2002, 2009, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2012)” y el “Anuario Estadístico de Cuba (2000-2016)”. Así mismo, se contabilizan cifras relacionadas a las demografías y el desarrollo en América Latina y el Caribe.

11. Collection "Social Sciences and Languages"

They address sociology, methodology, politics and government, public administration, economics, social services, education, social problems with a gender focus, including violence.

We call language the system of verbal communication typical of a human community and which generally includes writing. Although in smaller quantities, there are language books, among them those that offer the spelling rules of Spanish; It should be increased to other languages or a greater number of books on the Spanish language itself, increasingly impoverished by the use of other languages in social networks and cyberspace.

Among the potentialities are books and guides from the Comptroller General of the Republic of Cuba and many others on public administration, such as those from the government of Chinese President Xi Jinping, and the books "Planning from Below", by the prominent Chilean writer Marta Harnecker. , who was also a political advisor.



At the same time, a series from Editorial Era stands out, about the states in countries of the continent: Mexico, Puerto Rico and Chile; and a series of books on Socialism by important political figures such as Commander Hugo Chávez Frías and the political scientist Atilio A. Boron.



12. Collection "Art and Literature"

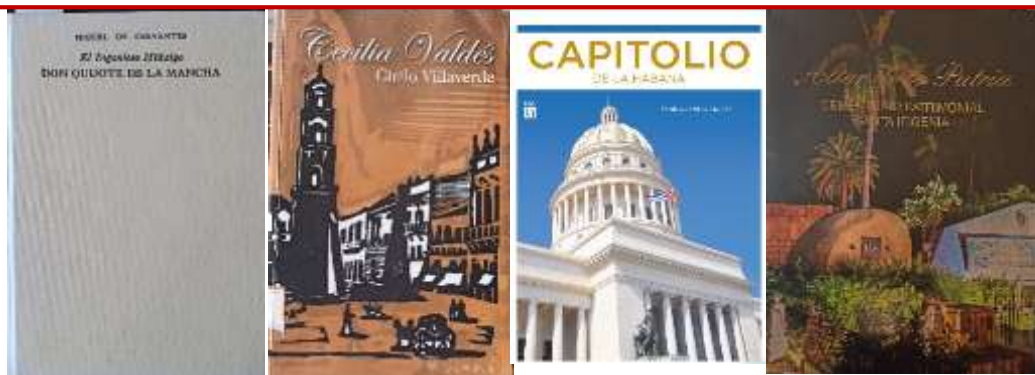
A small but valuable collection made up of books and brochures on different artistic manifestations, photography and literature.

Titles of the testimony genre about the war and its consequences are appreciated, which enhances the ideological and artistic work. Likewise, novels and stories on different topics; highlighting the authors: Daniel Chavarría, Gabriel García Márquez, Alejo Carpentier, Juan Marinello, Rubén Martínez Villena and Onelio Jorge Cardoso.

In Art, the potential is the book "Capitolio de La Habana" with good quality photos after the restoration of the building, declared a National Monument in 2010 and today the headquarters of the National Assembly of People's Power and its Council of State, therefore of this parliamentary library.

In Literature, the book "The Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote of La Mancha" stands out, a masterpiece of our language. It has the novel "Cecilia Valdés", by Cirilo Villaverde, considered the first Cuban novel and a sample of our Cubanness in its plot.

No less important are the writings of the Chancellor of Dignity Raúl Roa. You can also see books by artists Servando Cabrera and Mohammed Racim. In addition to the Artistic Catalog of Argentina, Peruvian Popular Art and the Chronology of Plastic Arts of Rio de Janeiro. Likewise, the book "Altar de la Patria" is located. Santa Ifigenia Heritage Cemetery", with photographs of its restoration and remodeling.



Cuban literature is one of the most prolific, relevant and influential in Latin America with highly renowned writers. In the digital collection you can find titles from universal classical literature.

13. Colección " Geografía e Historia"



Composed of atlases and maps, reviews and photos of different cities, tourist promotion brochures, regional and universal history books.

The History theme ranges from Antiquity to Contemporary History, the Spanish Civil War, the Mexican Revolution, processes in Latin America, Africa and its struggles for independence.

In Geography, the most significant things are atlases and maps, although some are old, they provide important information. In History the titles "Latin America. History, economy and political parties" and "Essays on Latin America" allow us to enhance knowledge of the region.

We can highlight the set of magazines and brochures from Guanajuato, Mexico, a whole package of information to learn about a city full of traditions and opportunities. If it is about the history of this country, in the same way there is a bibliography on the subject, this is the case of the railroad movement.



14. Theses and memoirs

Organized in document trunks, with memories of events and legal, parliamentary and cultural institutions. The theses mostly address legal specialties.

To mention some examples are the Activities of the Federal Registry of Voters in the State of Morelos, Mexico, 1994 and the Doctoral Thesis of Ramón de la Cruz Ochoa on Organized Crime: criminological and penal aspects, 2007.



Donation letters, postage stamps and other letters are preserved. The oldest letter is from 1902, the telegram from 1927 and the seal from 1967.



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