



## DIGITAL LIBRARY *MEMORIADEMADRID*

The Digital Library *memoriademadrid* was created in 2008 with the purpose of digitalising the historical documents under the custody of the Madrid City Council. Since that date, an important digital collection has been set in place, containing works varied in nature such as those coming from the archives, libraries or museums of the City Council, with the aim of establishing relations between them in order to achieve an overview of the municipal historical heritage.

Located at the Conde Duque Centre, the Digital Library takes advantage of its closeness to most municipal cultural institutions in order to perform a large-scale digitalisation of their collections with a double goal: to contribute to the preservation of this rich legacy and to its dissemination through [www.memoriademadrid.es](http://www.memoriademadrid.es). Today, there are around 60,000 documents available at its website.

This collection includes, among others:

- Over 200 historical newspapers from the Municipal Newspaper Archive (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries).
- Collection of documents from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, as well as theatre and music collections and handwritten works of Calderón de la Barca from the Municipal Historical Library.
- Dossiers of private construction works carried out from 1493 to the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, on file at the Archivo de Villa.
- The full collection of postcards kept at the History Museum.
- Publications printed by Artes Gráficas Municipales from the collections of the Municipal Printing House.
- Over 2,000 objects from the collections of municipal museums.

All the above collections are included under projects of the Digital Library with a larger scope, both nationally (*Hispana*) and internationally (*Europeana*). Likewise the library has a series of initiatives underway to contribute to the dissemination of the cultural heritage of the city, such as:

- Virtual exhibitions containing temporary exhibitions organised by various municipal institutions.
- Virtual tours to monuments such as the Temple of Debod, the Royal Chapel of St. Anthony of La Florida, etc.
- Special issues on specific topics as for example the Plan of Commemorative Plaques of Madrid, the Peninsular War or the Centenary of the Gran Vía.

Furthermore, the Digital Library plays an active role in the dissemination of collections related to the cultural heritage of the city of Madrid through social networks. Facebook, Twitter or Youtube are the channels through which the Library carries out an intensive work of dissemination of the collections under the custody of the Madrid City Council.

The Digital Library also cooperates with other institutions outside the Local Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism in order to keep spreading and studying the history of Madrid. In this line, the Digital Library has worked in cooperation with the Municipal Company of Housing and Land (EMVS according to the Spanish acronym), the Madrid Underground, SAMUR (emergency system of Madrid), the Technical Library, the CSIC (Spanish National Research Council), etc. in projects that will provide new approaches to its historical and document heritage.

Besides, we also regularly work to that end through new projects that go beyond the institutional sphere, encouraging the collaboration of citizens and using it for initiatives such as the *Memoria de los Barrios* (Neighbourhood Memory), launched along the Network of Municipal Public Libraries, to enrich the image of Madrid through the documents kept by citizens.

#### **Other websites developed by the Digital Library:**

Tour of the Debod Temple

<http://templodedebod.memoriademadrid.es/>

Tour of the Royal Chapel of St. Anthony of La Florida

<http://sanantoniodelaflorida.memoriademadrid.es>

Special Issue on Gran Vía

<http://granvia.memoriademadrid.es>

Special Issue Madrid 1808

<http://madrid1808.memoriademadrid.es/>

Plan of Commemorative Plaques of Madrid



<http://especiales.memoriademadrid.es/placasdemadrid>

Neighbourhood Memory

<http://especiales.memoriademadrid.es/memoriadelosbarrios>

**Social Networks:**

Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/memoriademadrid>

Twitter

<http://twitter.com/memoriademadrid>

Youtube

<http://www.youtube.com/memoriademadrid>

**Services**

Access to the digitalised collection

Special issues on specific topics

Virtual exhibitions and tours

Blog and multimedia content

**Useful Information**

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