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The Department of Book Collection (library) holds more than 300 thousand editions on Russian and World history, political, social and economic disciplines, archaeology, linguistics, historiography, military science, literature, and culture of the peoples of Russia from the earliest times. The collection of the museum library also includes a large group of books in foreign languages.

The reading room is fit with PCs connected to the Internet, which provide one with an opportunity to search and order the required printed editions via e-catalogue, to use information resources related to other collection departments of the State Historical Museum and other museums of the Russian Federation.

Reading room opening times

Monday – Friday from 10.00 till 17.00 (may change).

First Monday of the month – cleaning day

The reading room is accessed via entrance № 3 of the Main Building of the State Historical Museum.

Issue of a temporary pass (library card)

A temporary pass (library card) is issued following a cover letter (a request) from an institution that refers the researcher to the museum library. The letter should be addressed to the attention of Aleksei K. Levykin, Director of the State Historical Museum, be provided on a corporate letterhead with a signature of the director of the institution, and include the purpose, scientific topic and chronological framework of the research. Letters should be forwarded at shm@shm.ru.

A temporary pass (library card) can be received in the museum pass office (Main Building, entrance № 3).

To get a temporary pass (library card) one should present the following documents:

- personal identification document;
- 1 photo in size 3x4 cm.

A temporary pass (library card) for foreign citizens can only be issued for the period of duration of their trip but no more than up to the end of the current year.