

Preserving the Legacy of the Bibliothèque Orientale & Map Archive

Join Us in Protecting One of the Middle East's Most Valuable Historical Collections

A Unique Heritage in Need of Preservation

For over a century, the Bibliothèque Orientale (BO) at Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) has been a cornerstone of research and knowledge on Middle Eastern history, culture, and scholarship. This priceless collection houses:

- ✓ 3,700 rare manuscripts
- ✓ 230,000 books
- ✓ 4,110 historical maps
- ✓ 250,000 photographs

As one of the most comprehensive archives of its kind, the BO holds rare historical texts, early maps of Lebanon and the region, and irreplaceable scholarly resources.


Yet, many of these fragile materials are at risk of irreversible damage due to aging, environmental exposure, and the urgent need for conservation resources.

 **Learn more about the Bibliothèque Orientale:**

 [Visit BO's website](#)

Our Vision: A Conservation Center for the Future

To preserve and protect this unparalleled collection, USJ is launching a major conservation and restoration initiative that will:

 **Establish a State-of-the-Art Conservation Center**

A specialized facility for manuscript and map restoration, ensuring long-term preservation.

 **Digitize & Archive Rare Collections**

High-resolution scanning of manuscripts and maps to ensure global accessibility for researchers and scholars.

 **Restore the Historic Map Archive**

74 critical historical maps, including 19th-century cartography of Lebanon and the region, require immediate restoration.

 **Support Educational & Research Initiatives**

Once restored, these materials will be accessible through exhibitions, academic programs, and online platforms.

How You Can Make a Lasting Impact

We invite visionary donors and institutions to be part of this historic effort to safeguard Middle Eastern heritage for generations to come.

Opportunities for Support

💡 **Major Donor Recognition** – Your contribution will play a pivotal role in protecting this priceless collection.

🏛️ **Exclusive Naming Opportunities** – A select group of lead donors may receive **prominent recognition**, including **the opportunity to name the new Conservation Center**.

📖 **Global Scholarly Access** – Your support will help digitize and share these historical documents with researchers worldwide.

Get Involved Today

Your generosity can preserve history, empower scholarship, and shape the future of Middle Eastern studies.

👉 **Join us in this mission today!** Contact us at [BO EMAIL](#) to learn more.

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