

**Pablo Neruda Library**  
**Department of Germanic & Romance Studies**  
**Arts Faculty Building, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007**

Library of the Department of Germanic & Romance Studies named after Pablo Neruda was established along with the establishment of the Department (erstwhile Department of Modern European Languages) in the year 1948. On the occasion of the centennial of the birth of the renowned Chilean Poet-Laureate Pablo Neruda it was named after him on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.

Presently the Departmental library has over 37,000 volumes largely on the specific subjects of foreign languages, culture and literary studies. It also has an important collection of books in English related to relevant area studies. The library indeed has an unique collection and could be of great use not only for the students and scholars of the Department of Germanic & Romance Studies but of other Departments as well.

Acquisition of books for the library is being partly done by the utilization of funds allocated in the annual budget and partly by mobilizing donations from educational institutions and through academic exchange programmes with France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Portugal and Romania. For Journal the library is completely dependent on irregular donations and exchange.

Library is situated in the Arts Faculty building adjacent to the Department. It occupies two halls/rooms and a gallery.

Details of different components and heads of the library are given below (Projection for 2004-05.)

1. Name of the Library Unit	Pablo Neruda Library (Germanic & Romance Studies)
2. Year of Foundation	1948
3. Total Area allotted for the Library	2550 sq. approx.
4. Number of Reading Rooms	One Hall (50 Seats)
5. Type of Library	Open Access
6. Working Hours	9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday)
7. Library Services	i) Acquisitions ii) Cataloguing/Classification

- iii) Membership
- iv) Issue/ return
- v) Reference Services
- vi) Verifications & refunds of library security

8. Collections in the library 37000 Volumes

9. Membership

i) Teaching Staff	40
ii) Research Scholars	18
iii) PG Students	45
iv) UG Students	1000
v) Ex-Students	10
vi) Special Membership	3
vii) Non-Teaching Staff	15

**Total** -----  
**1131**  
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10. Budget

i) Expenditure on Books	2,00,000
ii) Expenditure on periodicals	Nil
iii) Expenditure on Lib. Staff	2,50,000

Consultation of the books and working in the Library is considered essential and integral part of the Studies carried out by the graduate and post graduate students. Therefore, library is being given an extraordinary importance. However the amount sanctioned in the annual budget for the purchase of books and the staffing pattern is highly inadequate. As per the requirements of the courses as well as the users demand the library needs to improve in following areas:

- a) Increase of budgetary allocation for the purchase of books (Upto 6 Lacs).
- b) Grant for Subscription of foreign journals (One lac)
- c) Semi-Professional-Assistant (One )
- d) Library Attendant (One)
- e) More space for separate reading hall and computer installations.

Department runs four Undergraduate and four postgraduate programmes in French, German, Spanish and Italian and two upto Advance Diploma level courses in Portuguese and Romanian. Therefore, books in foreign languages and of foreign publications are absolutely essential. The library is also being used by the Department students and outsiders, therefore it has rush and is always busy. The present strength of one SPA and one attendant is not able to give proper service. The Space for more than a thousand users is also needed.

