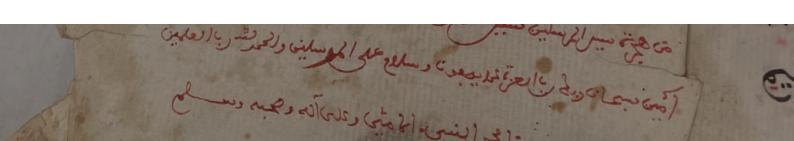


Collections







Malaibar Rare Books and Manuscript Library

is a home to one of the most prominent collections in Kerala, housing manuscripts, lithographs, documents and other invaluable historical materials related to Malabar, the modern-day Kerala. The collections spans a broad historical range from the medieval, to modern to contemporary period.

MRBML is deeply committed to collect, digitize and preserve rare books and manuscripts, and has been active in the field nearly a decade. To enhance access and engagement with our materials, we actively promote research through partnerships, publications, and other academic initiatives.

We have already partnered with prestigious international institutions like Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, Minneapolis, to enable research and wider access to our collections. Further, **MRBML** continues to support scholarly work by publishing research through our publication department.

Manuscripts collections

Our manuscript collections hold Arabic, Arabi-Malayalam, and Malayalam manuscripts from Kerala and is expanding rapidly. The collections covers a wide range of topic including Qur 'ān, Theology, Jurisprudence, Exegesis, Astronomy, Astrology, Linguistics, Science, Medicine, History, Gastronomy, Literary culture and so on. Recently, **MRBML** has proudly collaborated with Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, Minneapolis to digitize and preserve the manuscripts produced from Malabar between 1700s and 1900s. Once digitized, these manuscripts will be made freely accessible to the public. As a part of this project, preliminary surveys have been conducted across thirty different private archives, located in select regions of Calicut and Malappuram, which is estimated to be completed within two to three years. Further, a large number of surveys are yet to be conducted!

As a part of this partnership, these collections will be digitized made freely accessible to the public, making it as the only Arabi-Malayalam digitization project with free-access. Completing six months, the project has already cleaned and digitized a total of 17, 000 pages from fifty-three manuscripts.

MRBML maintains a strong community network that facilitates access to manuscripts and rare books stored in private and community archives across Kerala, Karnataka, and the Lakshadweep Islands. Recently, we have also received several valuable collections through endowments from these archives.









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لَوْ الْحَيْ الس وَ رَصَرُ بِعَضْ إِحَدَلْمَ بِعَوْلُ لَهُ مَا كَانَ سَنَعْ فِي نَا يَعْلُقُ الباب علمنلك وععللم الحق علي ماحث لدارعن وولك ارج ولعراك رَيَا رَهُ مثل الرعاع مَدُمو مَمْ وَلُورِ كُوهَا لِكَانَ اوْ لَيْ طُعِرُ وَلَا يُصَا زِمَا رُقِ لَعَمُوا لِللهُ نَعَالَى وَا كَوْمَنْ بِعِنْ عُرْمُ مِثْلُوذً لِكَ المِلْ لِمُذَال بِعُرِعالم وَمَاراً عُتَ عُا حَسَوْمُ مَا دُوَّ لَ حُدِهُ عُصَرَهَا مِعْلَامِنْ رَكَا قَالَطُيرُ مُسِوًّا لِدَيْنَ كَعُلِسا الطهبينى ؤمكاحية السلبغ صالح السلبي وستدع يحلان الحنفا لشاذلي والسننيخ بؤرا لذن لطند تائ والمنيج صالم اليؤها فاستيز ترب قاتهاى والسنيج ذينا لعاملين الهامتيني والسيب تراج الدينا تخانونا لحنفي ترفي المرتعالى عنه مراجعين فاجاء فاعدقطس هؤكا الالساع ووجدالى مغلفا و د قالناب ولا د كلم احتكام لل مقرالفا عن ولد هـ منشه اواماغرهم وزعاخاء احدهم ونره على مقدمه ال ردد سي وُلْرُافِتَ لِمَا لِمَا بِ مِزْفَتِينَ فِي إِلَا ق وَالْ فَعَنْ لَهُ السَّعَيْ مُ إِلْمُمَالًا فال دَخَلْ مَا بِينِي وَاحْ حِبِ له كَسَرُهَا مِيتِهِ اوْسَا يستر اغض وَقا ل انى غلىستىد فايخرج من عسلى حتى يخص مدنى ومد وب قلى ويتعلى عَنْ مُرْتِي وَفِكْ جَالَى مَرَة تَخْصِ لِرَحْيَا لَعَامِرُو كُمنتَ سَارِيًا دَوَا فَعَا لُوا لَلْهُ المادث دُوا فالمريَّفنَخ الى قوط مردُدُ ق النَّابُ دُفًا فريَّا فسُوَّسْ عَلَى تسلوسيا عُظما فات د قالما بعلى لفة كضربه ما استعف كالغرف ذلك نربا كالجمعية مفلولهم وصاديقولا ما اعرفرقلال بعل لي فغا ترب المقرئة علىنه معتبى لعلاما مرغ فرد عائ فا ماك ما احى ودق الناب على معنز فرستماكان في كالرق هر منعد من لقا الناس مطلفنا وان نتكف و تلفنا عمر لا يقدير المرسع مرد السلام والسائم على كا دى عوا مد ه فرقبل ذك فيضل لا حدم المتكدس و للفقر كذلك وُلا يفرد حكى الدلكل من ورُد عُلمة ذا لما قل م حل الفع على الحا مل الحسننة فالسالامؤمن عكامذ الحالة لقام الكايقدم على اعزوج لعلاه الماعدة اعلم ولك والحائمة رسالها لمن ومما العنماعة لبه على صت نزنوجها في المد نعال في دُوم الدّ ساعني كما اد ابلغني عني ل سخصًا وصيل ما دفاء توجداليا لد تعالى في د معمى وماهم صاحبالوس الكيزااسنى وكيب سنرغزكا وتسلع الودملي تنكك الاصب وُسْكُرويْها كاوقع لـ ذككُ مع النيخ قاج الدتن لطا يغير عداسا أواق لِ مَا زَيْمِينَ دَمَا زُا فَأَ نَكُولُوهَا وَرُحَتْ مَدَ فَيَا أَفِي النَّهِ وَوَاخِيرُولَى مَلْكَ نَا الذَى نَوْ بَحِمْنَ الْحَالَةُ نَعُالِيهُ وَ فَعَهَا عُنِي وَمَدَادُ للْعَلَى صِدُ فَ





Rare Books collections

This collection includes both lithographs and printed books that are either out of print or rarely available on the market. The lithograph materials, dating back to the 1820s, include works in Arabic, Urdu, Persian, and Arabi-Malayalam, printed in the Middle East, North Africa, and India.

A significant portion of our rare books comprises Arabi-Malayalam texts produced in South India since the advent of Arabi-Malayalam printing in Malabar in 1867. The collections range from genres and purposes—general texts, syllabus texts, manuals, to guides— across different disciplines such as Qur'ān, Jurisprudence, Theology, Exegesis, Linguistics, Science, Medicine, History, Astrology, Astronomy, Geography, literary texts and so on.



Language guides/ encyclopedias

Our collections hold several language guides and encyclopedias in different languages such as Arabic, Urdu, Malayalam, and English, produced across different historical periods and regions.



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Postcards and posters

MRBML holds a great collection of fascinating postcards—used as inland letters by individuals and organizations—mostly from 20th-century South India.

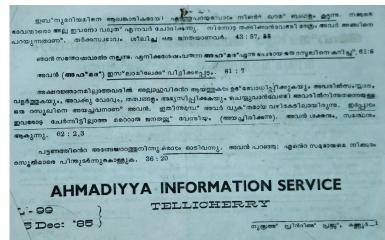
We also preserve a variety of posters including those announcing religious events, wedding invitations, and religious pamphlets, all of which hold significant religious, political, cultural, and historical value.

Letters and personal notes

The library holds several personal notebooks and guides authored by historians and religious scholars, offering rare insights and historically significant content.

Our collections also include letters of political and historical relevance, exchanged among individuals, communities, and religious organizations in South India.







Newspaper collections

MRBML maintains a vast archive of newspapers in English, Hindi, Arabic, and Malayalam, printed in India from the 1950s—when printing gained popularity in Kerala—up to the present day.

Photo films, cassettes and CD collections

Our audiovisual collections include photo albums documenting religious movements and community events, as well as cassettes and CDs containing sermons, music, and recordings of socially significant events.





How we collect

Our collection have been largely acquired through generous donations and endowments from individuals, groups and private archives. In addition, the library has also purchased few materials to enhance the depth and diversity of our holdings.









Journals and periodicals

MRBML holds a rich treasury of periodicals-vital resources for reconstructing the social histories of South India. The collection includes materials in Malayalam, Arabic, Urdu, and Arabi-Malayalam, many of which are rare or no longer in print.

The collections include Arabi-Malayalam periodicals such as Nisā 'ul Islam, al-Bayān, al-Murshid, origianlly lithographed in the early twentieth century. The collection also features printed journals and periodicals from the 1970s onwards, produced by various communities and organizations in modern-day Kerala. These collections covers a wide range of topics such as gender, caste, politics, culture, religion, language, environment, health, family, medicine.

Research in our collection

We actively encourage researcher in our collection through a variety of initiatives. Recently, we have published research studies based on materials our own archives. We also welcome external researchers to work on our collections and offer dedicated support to researchers as our staffs include experienced scholars and experts who have been active in the field for decades.





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