

Istanbul University Library and Documentation Department
Rare Books Library Visit
17 and 19 September 2025/ 13:30 – 14:15

**DISCOVERING HISTORICAL TREASURES: RARE BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS OF
ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY**

Located in a historic building dating back to 1912, the Rare Books Library houses over 50,000 volumes, including manuscripts, early printed works, and valuable collections such as the Yıldız Palace Library. The library served as a resource for Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, whose borrowed books are displayed here. Today, the library combines rich historical heritage with modern digitization projects, supporting researchers and preserving cultural memory.



What to Expect During the Visit?

- **Welcome and Historical Introduction to the Building (5 minutes):**
A brief overview of the library's historical significance and architectural features.
- **Digitization and Cataloguing Projects (10 minutes):**
Presentation on current efforts to digitize and catalogue the rare manuscript collections.
- **Conservation and Restoration Methods (10 minutes):**
Explanation of the techniques used to preserve and restore ancient documents and manuscripts.
- **Guided Presentation of Selected Manuscripts and Early Printed Works (20 minutes):**
Showcasing and discussing notable items from the library's rare collections.



**This visit will take place in two separate groups on 17 and 19 September 2025, between 13:30 and 14:15.
Participation will be limited, and registration is required.**

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For more information about the library:

<https://kutuphane.istanbul.edu.tr/en/content/iu-cl-rare-works/about-us>