

AMERICAN PHILATELIC RESEARCH LIBRARY

The American Philatelic Research Library located at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, held its Grand Opening event on 28–29 October 2016. The celebration included a formal dinner on Friday evening at the American Philatelic Center and a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday morning.

The event marked the completion of several years of renovation of the historic match factory purchased by the library in 2002, and the relocation of the library from its temporary space at the American Philatelic Society headquarters. The design and construction were accomplished by Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects.

The entire center contains about 100,000 square feet and includes rental space for 11 business tenants.

The new library uses 19,000 square feet for reading and research space and for shelving the world's largest collection of philatelic literature.

The facility includes a gift shop that offers new and used books, gifts, and souvenirs.

The library is open to the public, but only APS members have borrowing privileges.

The stacks on the upper level contain copies of almost every philatelic periodical publication. There are three shelves devoted to past copies of *Biophilately* and its predecessor publications.



APRL Stacks view from upper floor



ATA *Topical Time* archive



Section containing copies of the Biology Unit publications