1. Bodleian, Oriental Institute, and Middle East Centre Libraries
NMES, both teaching and research, are covered mainly by three libraries: Central Bodleian (CBod), the Oriental Institute Library (OIL) and the Library of the Middle East Centre (MEC). Other University libraries serve in support notably the History Faculty Library (HLF), the Social Science Library (SSL) and the Theology Faculty Library (TFL). CBod maintains a comprehensive NMES research collection in a wide range of Western languages and the Department of Oriental Collections houses Near Eastern manuscripts and a large collection of early and modern printed works in Near Eastern languages. The principal focus is on the traditional subjects but the modern literatures of the Arab countries, Iran and Turkey are also well represented. The Islamic art collection (research) is housed in the Sackler Library. CBod maintains standing orders for a number of significant series. CBod (including Department of Oriental Collections) and Sackler subscribe to the leading periodicals in the field. Legal deposit material relating to NMES is housed mainly in CBod, with the exception of some selected titles which are housed by the OIL and material on Islamic art, which is shelved in the Sackler Library.

The loan collection of OIL is primarily intended to meet the needs of the Faculty’s teachers and students, supporting the taught courses on offer. In NMES it concentrates on the period pre-1800, its interests lying in language, literature, history, philosophy and culture.

The Library of MEC, while strictly an area studies centre of St Antony’s College, is resourced by OULS and concerns itself with the history, politics and society of the Near and Middle East post-1800. Modern (creative) literature is not collected.

The majority of items in the various Near and Middle Eastern collections are in the traditional book format. CBod has a number of microfilms, and the Iranian Oral History Project consists of audio tapes as well as transcripts; the OIL houses some important CDs for Islamic studies. The number of networked electronic resources available via OxLIP+ has increased substantially over the past few years to include the major databases on Middle Eastern and Islamic studies as well as e-journals and, recently, e-books.

2. Other libraries
HFL acquires material on the history of European involvement with the Near and Middle East e.g. early Islamic contact with Byzantium, the Crusades and the colonial period. SSL acquires material on significant current issues in NMES, e.g. oil, gender studies and economics. TFL and the Bodleian Law Library acquire material on Islam and Islamic law respectively, in liaison with other relevant subject consultants.

3. Names of subject consultants responsible for NMES collections
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