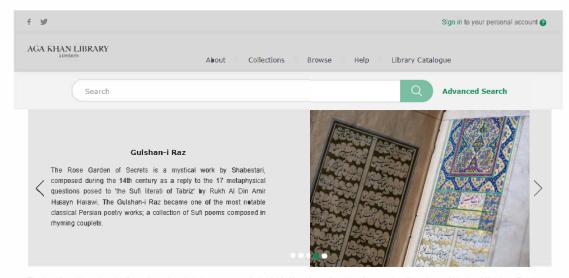
AGA KHAN LIBRARY

LONDON



The Aga Khan Library is a significant library for scholarly engagement in the field of Islamic studies with a focus on Ismaili studies and Muslim civilisations. The library holds over 50,000 volumes and growing, covering a range of subjects, historical and contemporary, on Islam in English, Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Gujarati, and Sindhi, among many other languages.

At present, the library holds more than 1000 titles in its rare books collection. The holdings include manuscripts, rare books, out-of-print and first editions of important titles in the field of Islamic studies. These collections have been acquired either through generous donations or proactive acquisitions. At the heart of the library's rare books section is a collection of Ottoman books, as well as items from the personal collections of the late Annemarie Schimmel, the late Peter Avery, and Farhad Daftary. In addition, we are fortunate to have also benefitted from the donation of the personal archive of the late Mohammed Arkoun.

In 2019, the Aga Khan Library embarked on a digitisation project of its rare books and special collections in order to preserve them and make them more widely available. To date, 100 books have been digitised and are being uploaded to the Library's online Digital Collection.

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Aga Khan Library, London: Digital Collections

Explore and learn about:

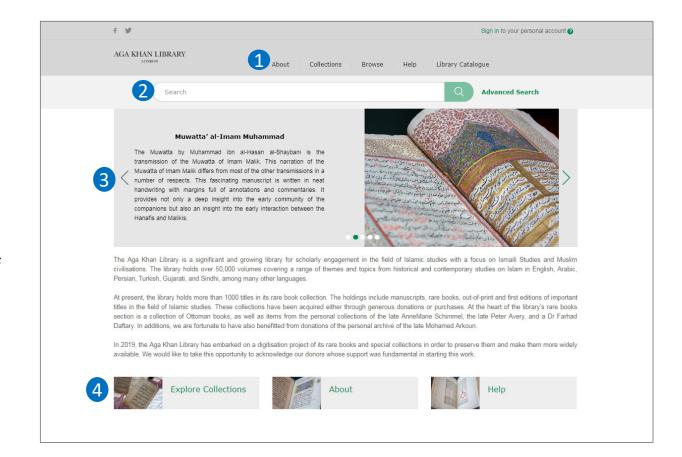
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Your homepage

Homepage

Welcome to the Aga Khan Library Digital Collections homepage. From here you can enter the content in a number of different ways.

- 1 The menu along the top gives you the options of how to explore content.
- 2 The search bar appears towards the top of every page.
- 3 The carousel introduces you to featured content.
- 4 Use these links to access information and explore collections.



Content – what is included in Digital Collections?

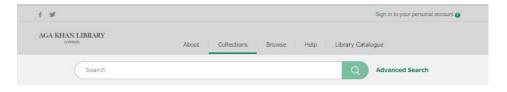
Collections

We are digitising our collections gradually – as collections become available they will be linked to from the Collections page.

• Each live collection has a dedicated landing page which introduces its content and provides options for exploring it. The first collection available is Ottoman books.

Collections page

- 1 Example of available collection (with green heading and link to 'View collection').
- 2 Examples of forthcoming collections ('Available soon').



Our Digital Collections

This page shows the diverse collections of rare books in the Aga Khan Library, London. We are digitising the collections gradually and will announce them as soon as are ready. Please stay connected to find out about the new additions to this platform.

The books in the Ottoman Collection reveal almost a century of profound transformations in the Ottoman Empire. Starting in the Tanzimat, they cover the foundation of the Republic of Turkey and the rise of Atatürk and his social and cultural

View collection



ese print books from the 19th and early 20th ntury cover two essential aspects of the Ismaili ne expansion and diversity of Ismaili communities. political development of Islamic Modernism.

Muhammad Abduh



Muhammad Abduh (1849-1905) was a crucia figure in the intellectual history of Egypt and the ommunity - their history and their devotional Muslim countries. This collection of books and terature in the form of Ginans. These books, holograph manuscripts casts a light on his iblished in many languages and scripts, illustrate significant contributions to the philosophical and

Available soon

Peter Avery



scholar of Persian history and literature. His collection contains thousands of volumes including manuscripts, lithographs, and many rare and out-ofprint titles in Persian, English, and Arabic, some dating back to the early 18th century.

Available soon



Professor Schimmel (1922-2003) was a prominent. This collection includes hundreds of photographs Orientalist who specialised in the study of Indo-tourists' memorabilia, and postcards from between Muslim communities. Her collection includes many the late 19th century and pre-Second World War rare and out-of-print titles, mostly in Persian, Urdu, Turkey. The images focus on the cultural and Sindhi, focusing on the Muslim cultures of the landscapes of the Balkans and Turkey, and the

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How do I search the digital collections?

How to search – Quick search

Search metadata across collections (initially there is only one collection available).

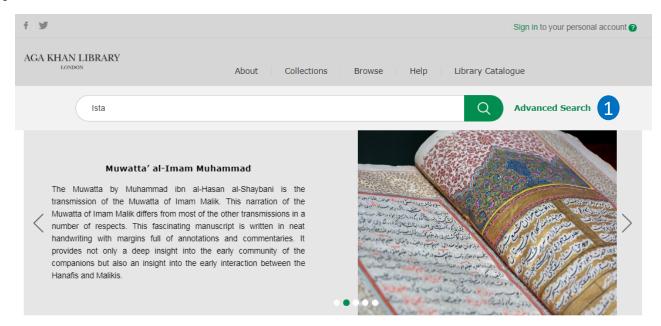
- 1 To search Digital Collections, enter your term in the search bar.
- 2 As you type your search, suggestions will appear below the search bar. Clicking on these will search for that term.
- 3 Once you have chosen your term, click the search icon or hit enter on your keyboard.



How to search – Advanced search

If you have a more complicated search query, you can use the advanced search tool.

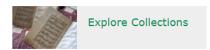
1 Click on **Advanced Search**, which appears to the right of the normal search bar.



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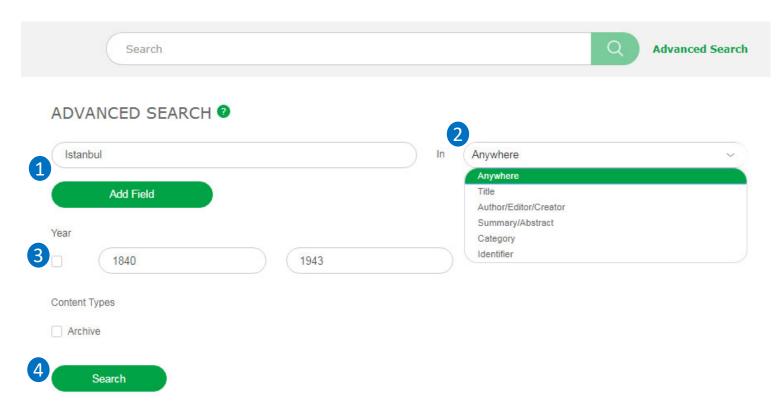
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How to use advanced search

- 1 Enter multiple search terms to be used at once using the Add Field button.
- 2 Choose where you want to search for this term; Anywhere, Title, Author, Summary, Category or Identifier.
- 3 You can also refine the results by the year it was published.
- 4 Click **Search** to view your results.



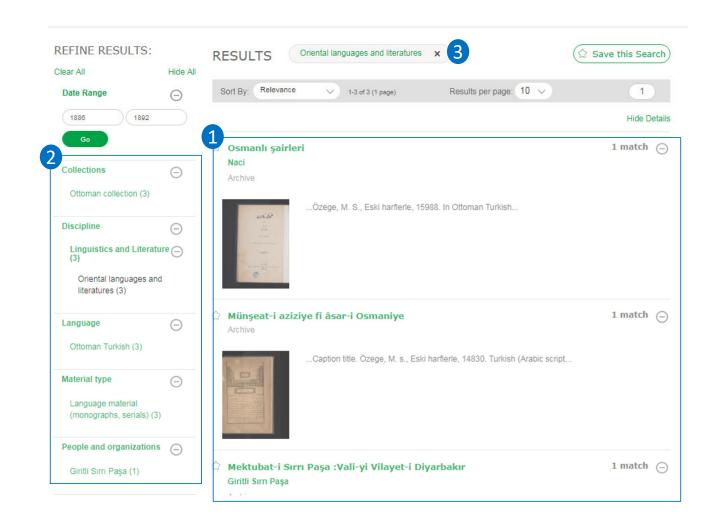
How to search – Search results

You will be taken to the search results page. This will display all the content that includes your search term.

- 1 Relevant items will appear listed in the results.
- 2 Click on one of the taxonomy filters to refine the results that are displayed. This will be reflected at the top of the search results 3.

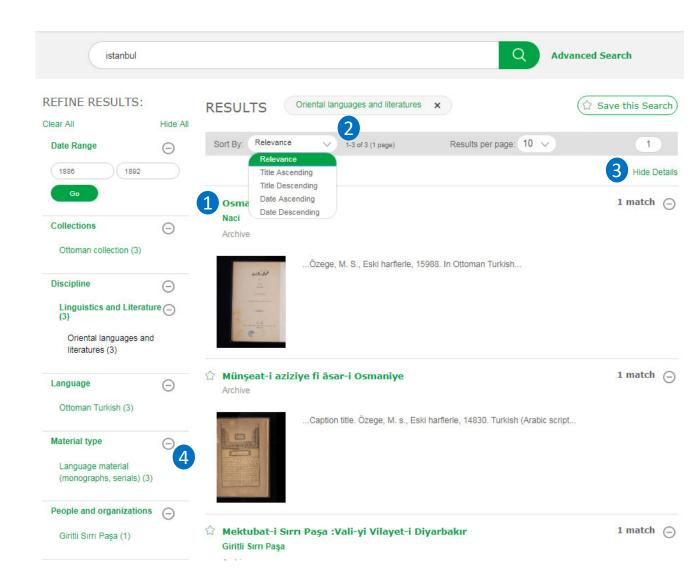
The taxonomy categories that can be used as filters are:

- Collections
- Discipline
- Language
- Material type
- People and Organizations
- Place
- Subject



How to search – Search results

- 1 Choose one of the results to explore by clicking on the title.
- 2 Sort results by relevance, title and date.
- 3 Expand/collapse details of search results.
- 4 Expand/collapse sub-facets of taxonomy filter.

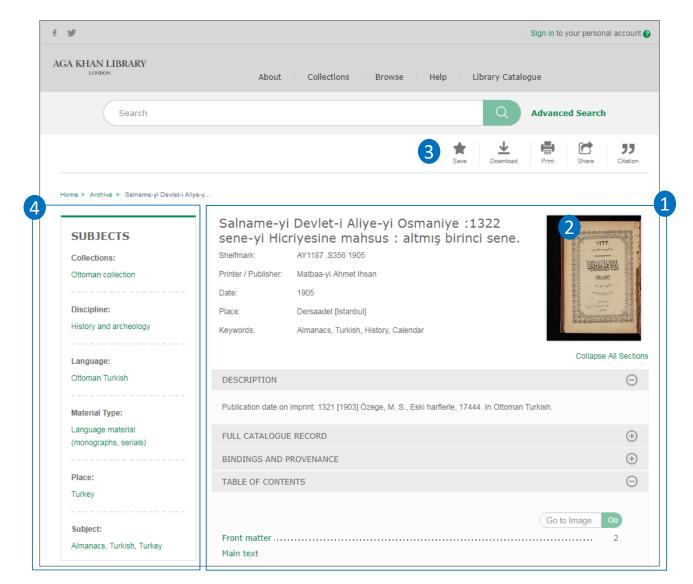


How do I view items?

Item features

Clicking on a result will take you to the volume page.

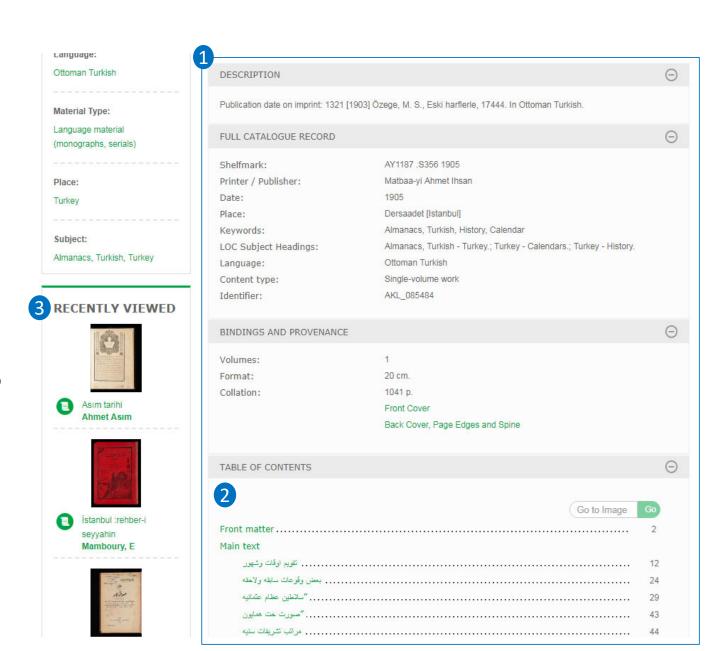
- 1 On this page you can read the metadata for each item.
- 2 Clicking on the thumbnail image or item in the TOC opens the image viewer for the item's contents.
- 3 At the top of the page are options to Save, Download, Print, Share and Cite.
- 4 You can also see which taxonomy terms the chapter has been tagged with. All of these are hyperlinked and will take you to a page with all content on the site that has been tagged with the term.



Item features

Scroll down the page for further metadata.

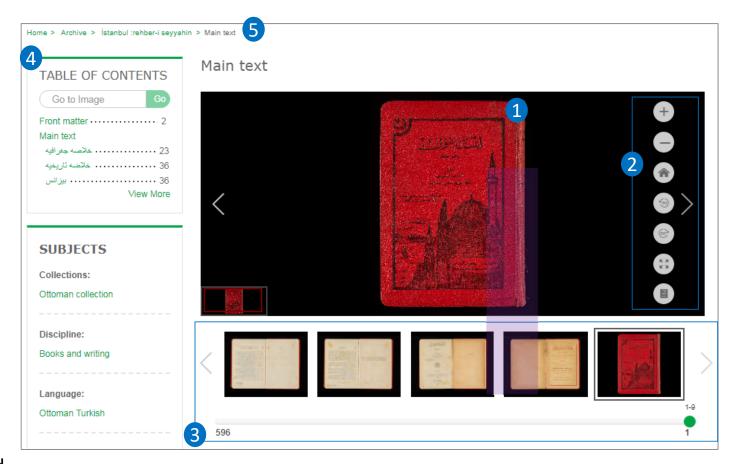
- 1 The 'accordion' contains a brief description of the contents, along with a full catalogue record and details of bindings and provenance. The fields can be expanded/collapsed by clicking the '+/-' button.
- 2 The table of contents provides links to jump to listed points within the item.
- 3 You can also see your recently viewed items on the left-hand sidebar.



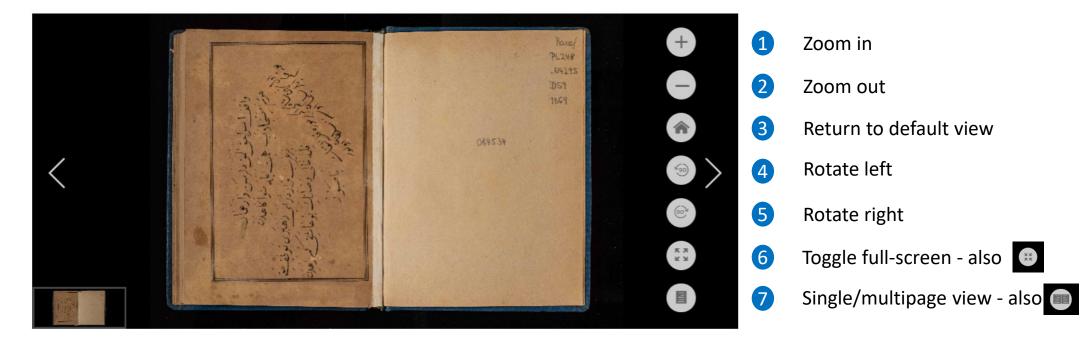
Item viewer

Clicking the thumbnail image or on table of contents takes you to the image page.

- 1 Hi-res facsimile images of the item's pages appear in the image viewer. The arrows at the left and right of the viewer take you to the previous or next page.
- 2 Viewer options to zoom, rotate, make the image full screen or toggle between single/double page view appear on the right of the viewer.
- 3 The thumbnail gallery and slider enables you to navigate through the pages of the contents (right to left or left to right).
- 4 A linked table of contents allows you to jump ahead to the start of sections and chapters.
- 5 You can navigate back by clicking on the title in the breadcrumb trail.



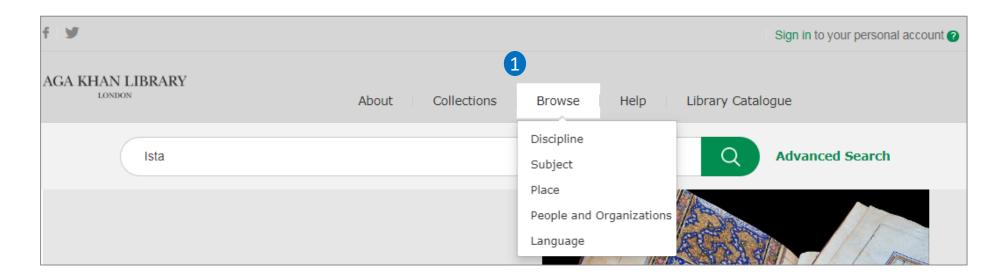
Item viewer options



How do I browse Digital Collections?

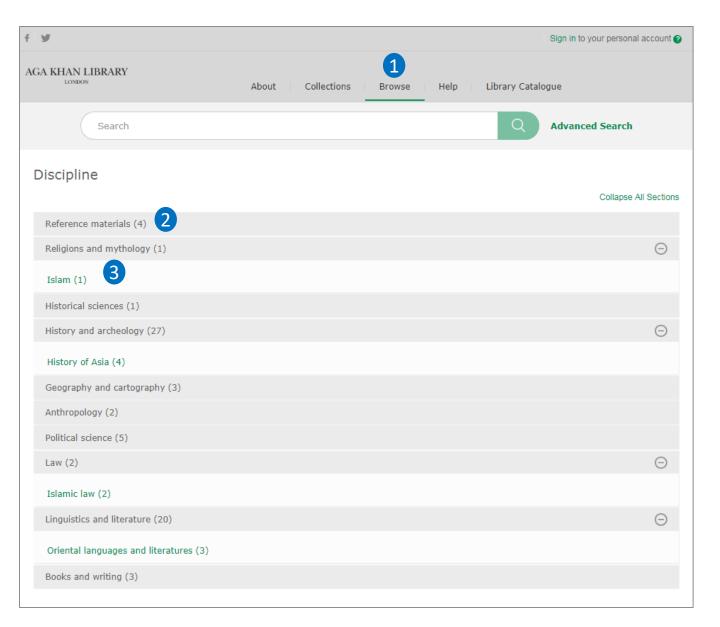
Browsing the site

1 Browse lets you discover the content through Discipline, Subject, Place, People and Organizations or Language.



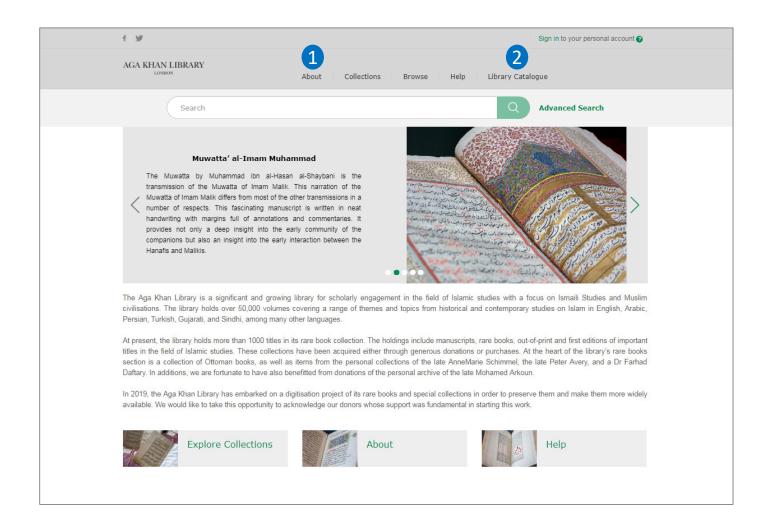
Browsing the site

- 1 Selecting one of the options under 'Browse', e.g. Discipline, will bring you to a page showing all the facets and sub-facets within that category.
- 2 The numbers in brackets indicate the amount of content that has been tagged with this term.
- 3 Clicking on a term, e.g. 'Religions and mythology' or 'Islam', takes you to a results page for all the content on the site that has been tagged with the term.



Browsing the site

- 1 About provides information about the Aga Khan Library Digital Collections.
- 2 Library Catalogue is an external link to the main Aga Khan Library catalogue.

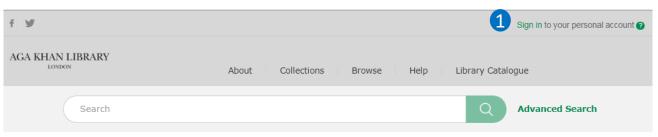


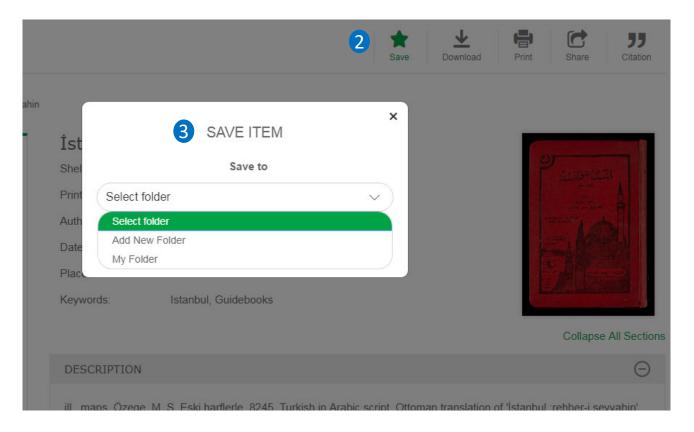
What's a personal account?

Personal account and saving content and searches

You can save searches and content to your folders by creating a personal account.

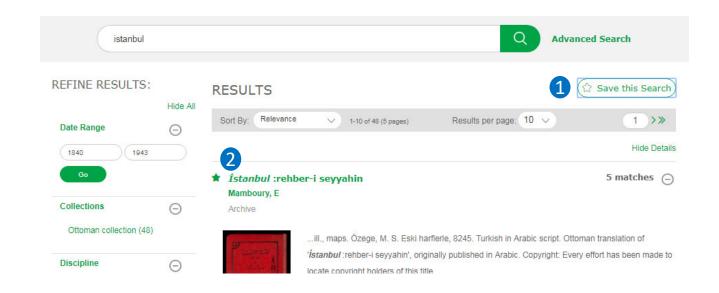
- 1 Create a personal account by clicking on the 'Sign in to your personal account' link and when you view the pop up choose **Sign up now**.
- 2 You can save each type of content into folders that you can name and edit yourself by clicking the Save star.
- 3 You can create multiple folders and save different content into each one.

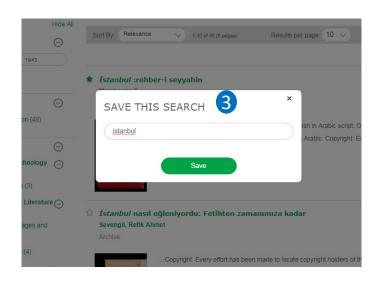




Saving searches

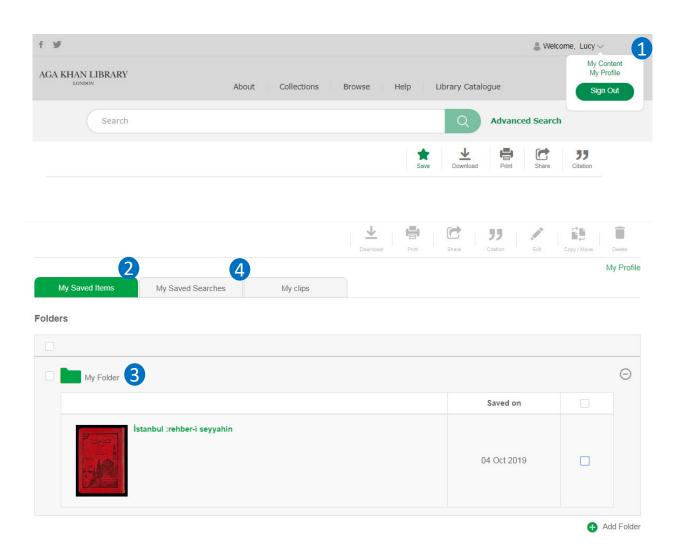
- 1 To save a set of search results, click Save this Search. You will need to sign in to your personal account to do this.
- 2 Note that previously saved content is shown with a filled in star in a set of search results.
- 3 You can choose a name for your search and then click Save.





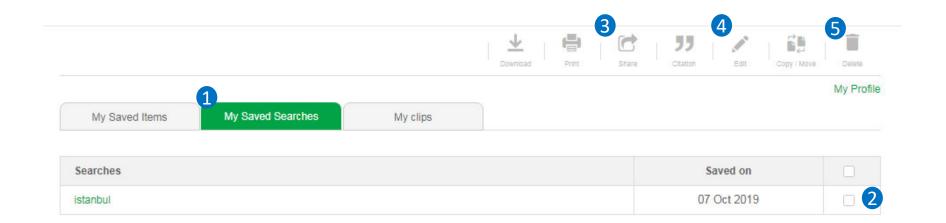
Viewing saved content

You can view your saved items by signing into your personal account and clicking your login name. This will show a dropdown menu 1. Click My Content to view your saved items 2 in their folders 3, and your saved searches 4.



Viewing saved searches

In **My Content**, click on **My Saved Searches** tab 1. Any saved searches are listed below. By checking on the tickbox 2, you can Share 3, Edit 4 or Delete 5 the saved search or searches.

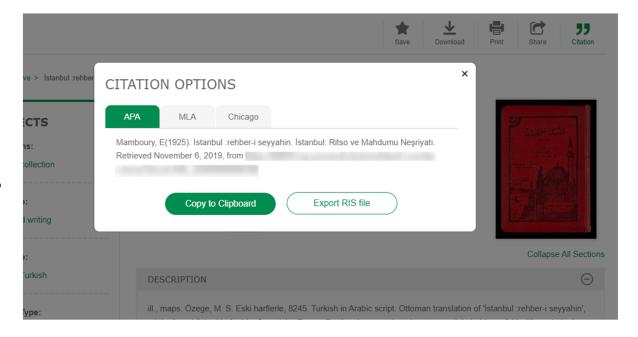


Cite

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APA, MLA and Chicago citations are available for all content on the Aga Khan Library Digital Collections. Click the Citation button at the top right of the content to view this.

You can then copy this or export it as a RIS file.



Social sharing

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You can share each type of content via social media channels and email.

To share content, click the **Share** button at the top right of the content .

