services for libraries

experience, collaboration and innovation

casalinilibri

about us

With over 60 years of experience, we are one of the leaders in sourcing and supplying research publications from across Mediterranean Europe and a major bibliographic agency.

Founded by Mario Casalini in 1958 in response to a need for timely bibliographic information and supply of Italian publications, our mission is to advance the profile of European culture and scholarship across the globe.

We provide an efficient and personalised service for libraries, combining the supply of publications with a range of solutions that facilitate selection, acquisition and processing workflows.

In 2020, we joined forces with Dirk Raes to acquire Erasmus Boekhandel and Houtschild, and with Tiziana Possemato of @Cult. Each company continues to bring its own valuable experience, expertise and exceptional service to libraries and institutions worldwide.

supplying **publications**

monographs & series

We supply scholarly monographs and monographs in series from Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and Greece, specialising in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Our services cover print and electronic publications, out-of-print searches and the supply of titles that are not available through normal commercial channels.

Every year we supply over 300,000 monographs from over 4,000 publishers to 1,600 libraries in more than 50 countries worldwide.

subscriptions

We handle subscriptions for print and electronic journals published across Europe as well as back-issues, issues no longer in print and irregular publications.

Consolidated supply ensures maximum efficiency, timely delivery and simplified workflows.

Services include management of renewals, journal processing, licensing issues and access to electronic resources.

customer care

Named and dedicated contacts provide
continued assistance in 5 languages.

We aim to provide full and prompt responses to all queries.

Regular visits allow us to offer on site assistance, information and
training on our acquisitions tools and digital library.

Our latest survey returned an outstanding level
of satisfaction among our customers.

collection **development**

bibliographic database

Our extensive bibliographic database currently contains detailed descriptions for over 3,300,000 publications from Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and Greece. 45,000 new titles are added every year.

Advanced tools allow you to create detailed searches as well as viewing our recommended titles, matches for your NTI profile, or the titles selected for your approval plan.

Additional selection aids include cover images, tables of contents and abstracts.

new title information

A team of native speakers sources titles through newsletters, specialist journals, national catalogues, trade fairs and visits.

We profile 20,000 new Italian titles, 10,000 French, 10,000 Spanish, 2,000 Portuguese and 1,700 Greek publications every year. All our bibliographic records are created with book in hand.

Personalised weekly or monthly email lists keep you up to date with what's being published in your subject area.

NTI is also available in MARC and CSV formats and online through our website, which is updated daily.

approval selections

An Approval Plan allows you to outsource the selection of material for part - or all - of specific collections. Many of the world's major national, academic and research libraries entrust our selectors with their collections.

Our experts select titles with book in hand according to your precise detailed collection development profile and annual budget. 99% of the selections we make are approved by our customers.

Lists of titles not selected for supply and retrospective selections can also be compiled on request.

technical **services**

acquisitions

The easy selection and ordering tools provided by our website facilitate acquisitions management workflows.

Orders can be placed directly, or workflows set up for centralised ordering through a "Master Account". MARC records can be provided for EDIfact ordering.

Order status details can be viewed online in real time.

An invoice archive allows you to consult and download invoices in PDF format.
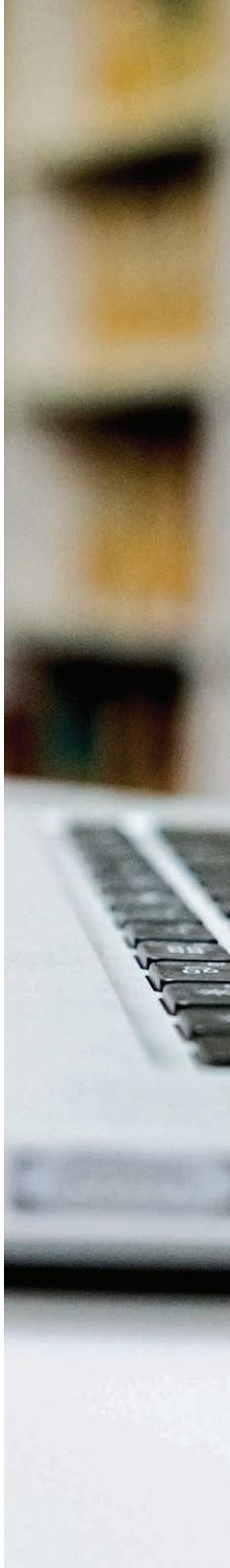
RDA cataloguing

We provide BIBCO RDA records for Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Greek publications.

All of our catalogue records are produced in-house by 25 highly specialised and experienced cataloguers.

As members of the PCC, we contribute authority records and subject & classification proposals to the NACO and SACO programs.

We are an ISNI Registration Agency and contibute data to the central ISNI database.

shelf ready

Physical processing options for books and journals are available in conjunction with RDA cataloguing or as a stand-alone service.

Options include security devices, property stamps, barcodes, spine labels, circulation cards, dust jackets, paperback covers and traditional binding.

digital **library**

access.torrossa.com

Our Torrossa digital library currently hosts over
120,000 monographs in the romance languages
190,000 monographs in English and other languages
1,200 journals in electronic format
from over 430 respected academic publishers from Europe.

Torrossa simplifies e-resource acquisitions, licensing and
integration with library systems.

Digital editions are included in our standard ordering workflows.

casalini **lab**

collaboration

We believe in communication, co-operation and collaboration to optimise new opportunities. We host and contribute to a number of international conferences dedicated to collection development, cataloguing and library sciences.

We are founding sponsor of, and active participants in, the *Fiesole Collection Development Retreat* series of conferences, an informal meeting of leading library and information industry participants devoted to debating the new world order in collection development.

We collaborate widely with the international library community and specialist organisations to implement and support the transition to BIBFRAME and Linked Data in libraries.

We are advocates for the Share - Linked Data Environment, a global family built on collaboration that creates an international network of information, and promotes dialogue, participation and partnership for the future of bibliographic data.

innovation

Driven by a determination to anticipate the changing needs of the market, we are currently working on projects for the practical implementation of BIBFRAME and Linked Data in the GLAM sector, with a particular focus on the creation of records in Linked data format (RDF in BIBFRAME), MARC enrichment with URIs and authority and identifier management.

In keeping with our mission to support the diffusion of Italian research and culture, we are taking steps to enhance the accessibility of the Torrossa web platform, in conformity with internationally recognized requirements for rendering Web content and reading solutions as accessible as possible for blind, visually impaired and dyslexic users.

We are also exploring the future of Open Access, with Torrossa Open, part of the Torrossa digital library, designed specifically to contribute to the dissemination of research content from Southern Europe in OA.