



**HELLENIC  
LITERARY AND  
HISTORICAL  
ARCHIVE  
(ΕΛΙΑ)**



**Cultural Foundation  
of National Bank of Greece**



**welcome!**



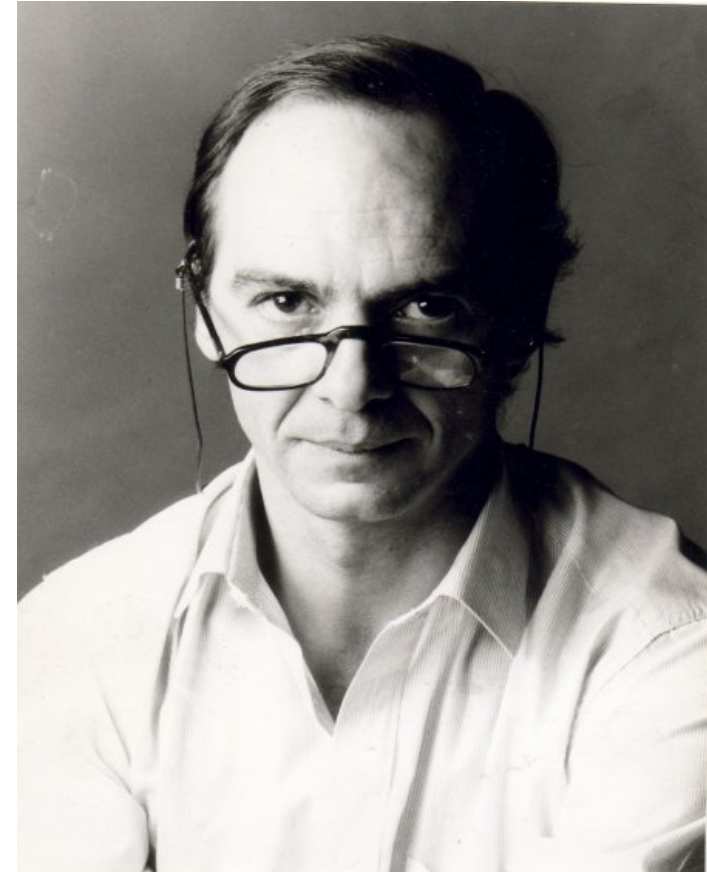


## About ELIA

- ✓ The Hellenic Literary and Historical Archive is also known as ELIA (ΕΛΙΑ):  
**Ε**λληνικό  
**Λ**ογοτεχνικό και  
**Ι**στορικό  
**Α**ρχείο
- ✓ Cultural non-profit organization
- ✓ The biggest private archive and the third library in Greece.
- ✓ Logo: ancient jar (pottery) – κάνθαρος (kantharos)



- ✓ 1960: Manos Charitatos and Dimitris Portolos collected and stored material.
- ✓ 1980: ELIA was founded.  
Friends of ELIA gathered together.
- ✓ 1990: The home of ELIA.
- ✓ 1997: ELIA in Thessaloniki.
- ✓ 2009: part of The Cultural Foundation of National Bank of Greece.
- ✓ 2012: December 27



Manos Charitatos

### Aims of ELIA

- collect
- preserve
- organize
- study
- publish
- open research center

### In order to achieve them

- exhibitions
- Programs
- publications
- Collaborate with other organizations



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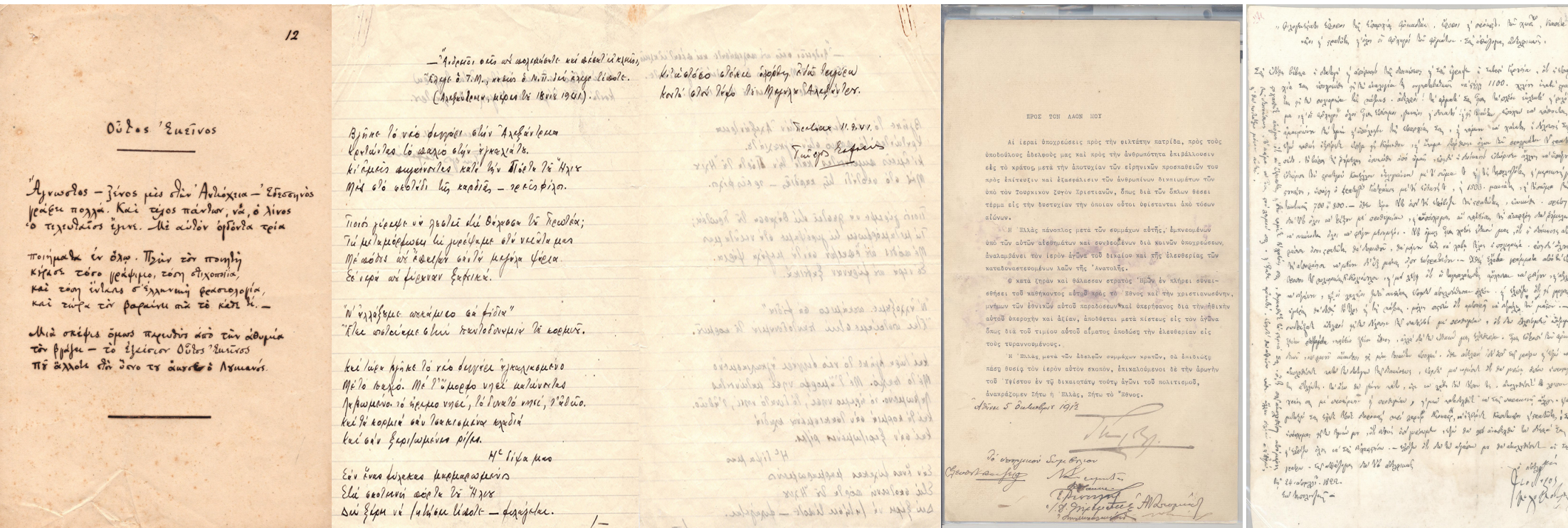
## Collections

- archives
- books
- periodicals
- newspapers
- photos
- postcards
- maps
- ephemeral material (like posters, tickets etc.)
- printed material (like music sheets, theatrical programs etc.)
- old objects



## Historical and Literary Archives

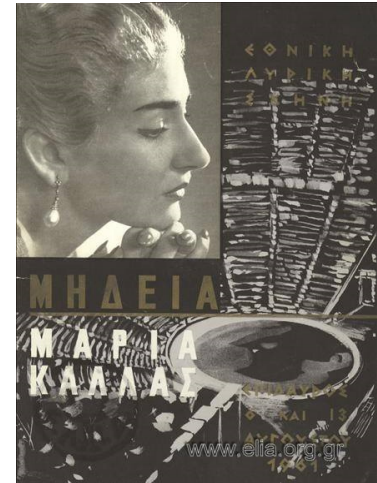
- more than 1300 archives of historic, economic, literary, industrial content.
- Kolokotronis family, Charilaos Trikoupi, El. Venizelos, the archive of Patriarchate of Alexandria, Aristotle Valaoritis, Konstantinos Cavafis, George Seferis, Stratis Tsirkas etc.





## Artistic Archives

- Archives and printed material
- Katina Paxinou, Elli Lampeti, Alexis Minotis, Marios Ploritis
- Shadow theatre



### Photographic archive

- more than 400.000 photos
- vintage prints, portraits, landscapes, documentary photographs from archives of professional and non professional (amateur) photographers
- postcards collection

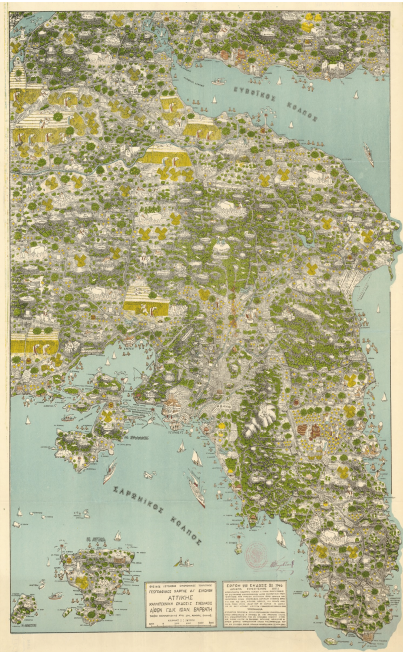
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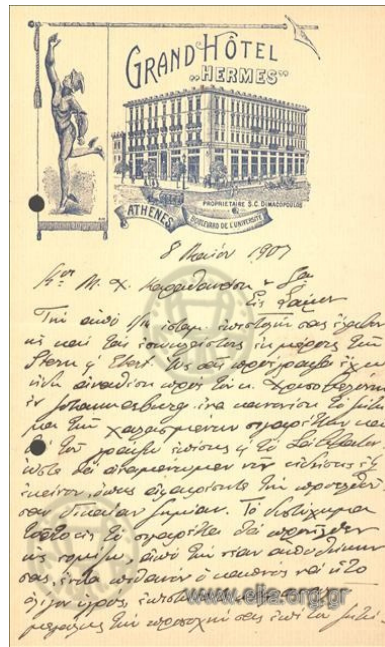
## The cartographic archive

- 2000 maps between 1830-1950.



## Ephemerals

- ELIA is one of the first institutions in Greece that cared about the preservation and the notification of the importance of this material.
- advertisements, receipts, invoices, labels, packaging material and other pictorial and informational material





### Old items

- clothes, hats, cashiers machines, toys, radios, bottles, cameras, household goods, pharmacy items, tin boxes etc.





## Library

- ✓ the third biggest library in Greece
- ✓ more than 120.000 titles
- ✓ more than 300.000 volumes
- ✓ digital collection: 100.000 digitized items
- ✓ donations: - 20 new archives, 15 additions  
- 10.000 printed material
- ✓ research center: - 300 researchers/450 requests of using archives  
- 800 researchers/1800 requests of using printed material  
- 400 studies, researches
- ✓ librarians and assistants

### Hours of operation

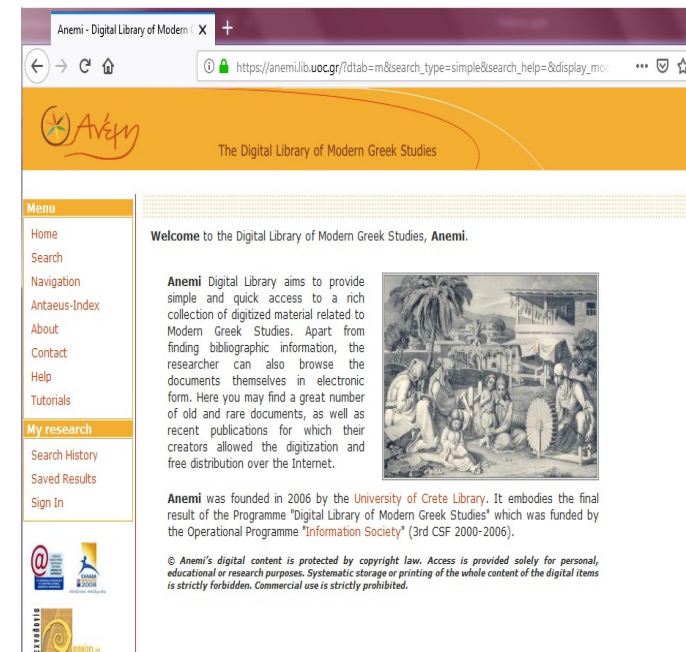
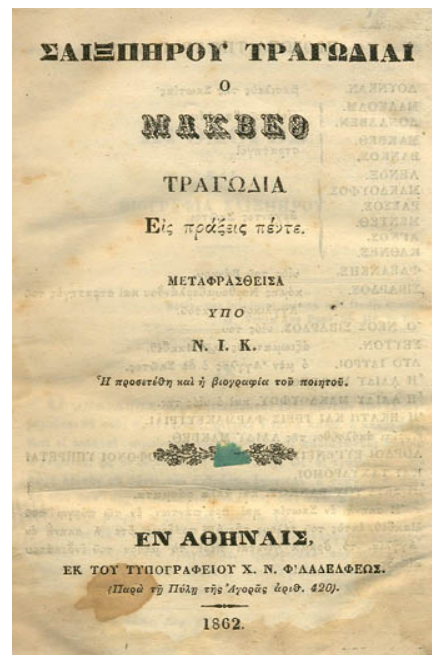
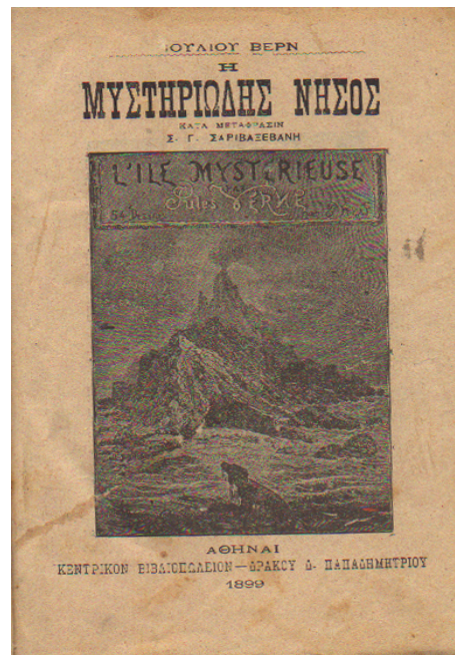
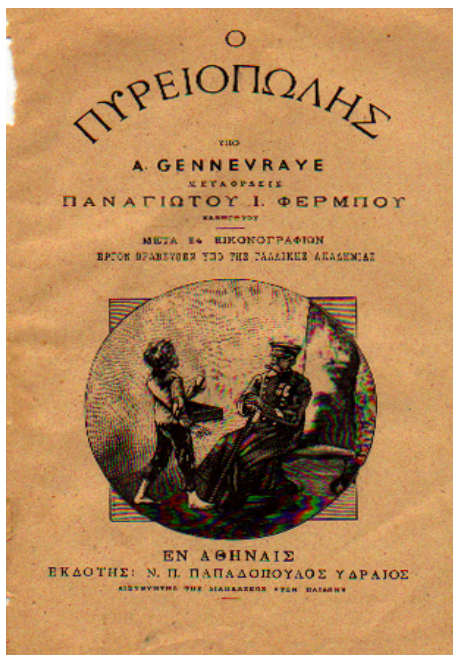
- ✓ Staff: Monday to Friday 8:30 - 16:00
- ✓ Researchers: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 - 14:00

# Hellenic Literary and Historical Archive



## Library contains:

- ✓ 18.000 greek books of 19<sup>th</sup> century:
  - 7.600 of them have been digitalized.
  - 4.000 of them are unique.
  - the most complete in the world.
  - the most wanted collection of Library
  - the base of Greek Bibliography of 19<sup>th</sup> century
  - ANEMH, the Digital Library of Modern Greek Studies



## Hellenic Literary and Historical Archive



- ✓ 20.000 greek literary books of 20<sup>th</sup> century – first editions

- ✓ 10.000 history books of 20<sup>th</sup> century

- ✓ 11.000 regional or native books of 20<sup>th</sup> century – specific areas of Greece – one of the most interesting collections





## Hellenic Literary and Historical Archive

✓ 4.500 greek school books of 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century:

- the most complete in the world.
- 1.000 of them are unique.
- 2.000 of them have been digitalized – Digital Historical Collection of school textbooks of the Institute of Educational Policy.

✓ 2.500 greek books for children of 20<sup>th</sup> century:

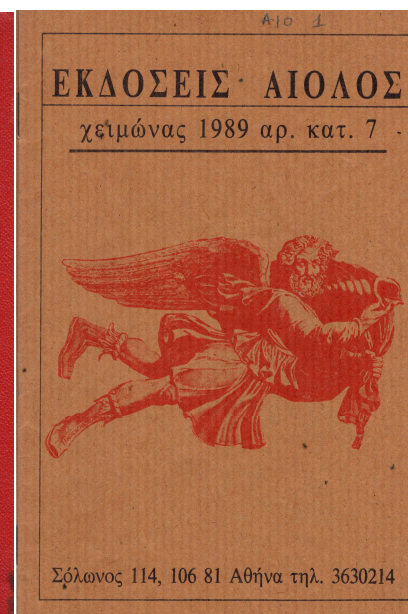
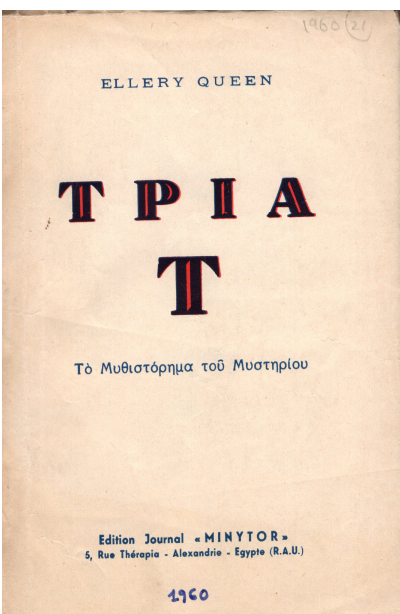
- Greek and foreign authors (Pinelopi Delta, Jules Vern)
- unique illustration
- edited and translated by great greek authors (N. Kazantzakis, E. Alexiou)



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- ✓ 2.500 greek books printed in Egypt of 20<sup>th</sup> century – the most complete collection in the world
- ✓ 2500 greek titles of series of literary pocket size books of 20<sup>th</sup> century – rare collection
- ✓ 20.000 books of various subjects that consider Greece:
  - economy, shipping, bibliographic books, biographies, Fine Arts, media, typography, employment, agriculture, education, wine industry, cooking etc.
  - special sections: books referring to woman, to Greek language and education, to Olympic Games, catalogues of publishers and charters.

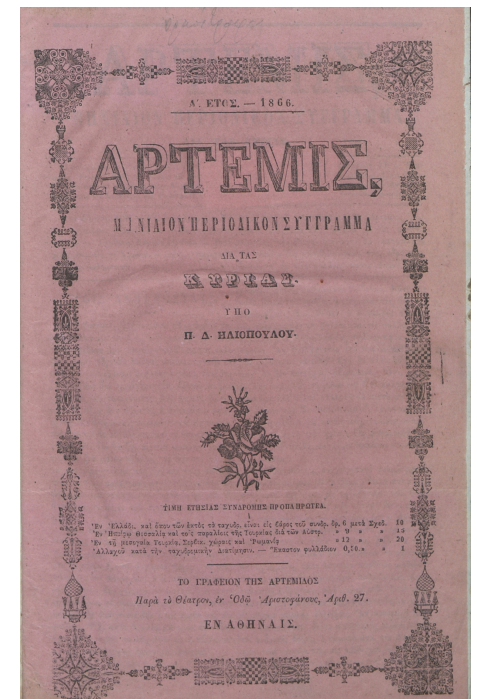
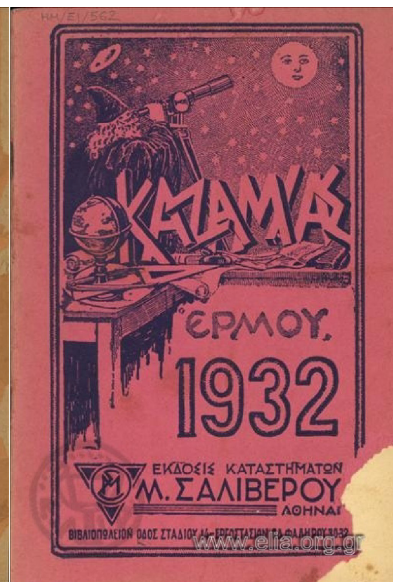
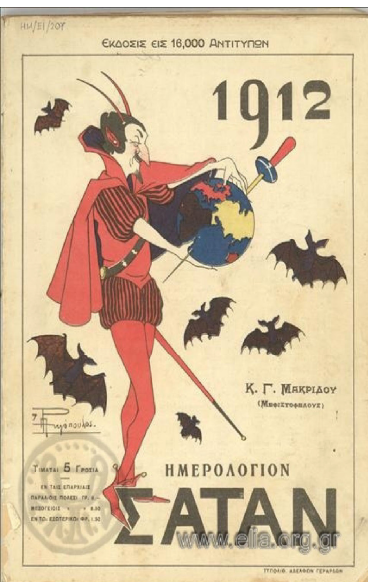


# Hellenic Literary and Historical Archive



✓ 2.000 annual Greek editions of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century – most complete in Greece

✓ 10.000 titles of periodicals and newspapers of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century





Learn more about ELIA:

- ✓ [www.elia.org.gr](http://www.elia.org.gr)
- ✓ facebook page
- ✓ electronic periodical: Κομμωτής κομητών

Take with you a piece of history.... from the ELIA Shop:

- ✓ publications
- ✓ Luxury albums containing rich visual material
- ✓ reprints of old posters, postcards, photos etc.
- ✓ old items
- ✓ old printed material

Remember:

- ✓ ELIA tries to cover the historical and cultural evolution of Greece during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- ✓ ELIA operate as archive and library at the same time
- ✓ ELIA offers an open accessibility



Manos Charitatos, the founder of ELIA, used to say: The most important in our job is...

the joy of sharing!

Η χαρά του να μοιράζεσαι!