Silesian Collections Reading Room

The Reading Room provides access to:

- books and journals on Silesia, works by Silesian authors and authors connected with Silesia published in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, publications by Silesian publishing houses (Upper Silesian up to 1922, Lower Silesian polonica up to 1945),
- digital collections and books and journals from general storerooms,
- the Silesian Studies reference library includes general (encyclopaedias, dictionaries, bibliographies, biographies, guidebooks, statistical publications) and specific (concerning geography, history, literature, ethnography, art, religion) publications,
- microfilm copies from the Silesian collections and microfilm positives from the archive documentation of the Silesian Uprisings 1919–1921 (owned by the Józef Piłsudski Institute in New York),
- documents of social life concerning Silesia, published since 1961, documenting social life and historical events (including invitations, posters, leaflets, calendars, catalogues, personal and material lists – telephone and telex directories).

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