

Women's Library and Information Center

The Women's Library and Information Centre Foundation (WLICF) is the first and only women-centred library and archive in Turkey. It was founded in Istanbul and opened to the public on 14 April, 1990 in its current premises a historical building allocated by the Greater City Council of Istanbul. This Library has been established in order to document women's lives and deeds and to facilitate research in the area of women's studies, based on multifaceted collections of material. Our Foundation Bill states the purpose of our library as follows: 'To gather knowledge about the history of women, to present this information in an organised way to those who are doing research today, and to preserve the written documents of today for future generations'.

The Library has won in 2016 the Duygu Asena Award of the Turkish PEN Center. Our institution was awarded this prize for serving for the last 28 years the public and the researchers and also for the acquisition of thousands of women centred documents. Such as written and visual documents, publications, posters, diaries, photos, letters, communiques and reminiscences relating to the fight for women's rights. The Library serve to women's and gender studies in Turkey not only by providing resources, but by organizing panels, seminars as well as publishing proceedings, catalogues, thesaurus and annual calendars with special topics.