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Witnesses of the Past
Bridges to Modernity

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The Beginnings in France ....

1789
A Revolution.
A new political organization and new archives.....

the new Constituent Assembly elects the First Archivist

Armand Gaston Camus, Deputy of Paris, Elected Archivist, in charge of the Papers produced by the Assembly. He died, still in charge in 1804.

No specific deposit for the archives which follow the Assembly
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New Archives with their own seal
Archives nationales de France
La Nation
La Loi
Et le Roi

The Nation/The Law/The King
1808: a home for the National Archives!

Around 1801, lots of papers, records, manuscripts and archives from the previous period are left without owners and without deposits. A permanent solution was needed.

The Second Archivist of the Nation is appointed in 1804. Pierre Daunou, former lawyer. He was the head of Archives from 1804 to 1816, and from 1830-1840.
(Re) Using aristocratic mansions

The Hôtel de Soubise and Hôtel de Rohan were bought officially in 1808

The archives are stored in the very center of Paris
Adding new deposits in 19th century

During the 19th Century, several deposits were built next to Soubise and Rohan. « Galerie Louis-Philippe, galerie Napoléon III » in the so-called Grands dépôts (Large deposits)
The Iron Safe (armoire de fer) for the most precious documents. Such as the last letter of Queen Marie-Antoinette.
National Archives. «Napoléon III Gallery»
The Archives Quadrangle today in Paris

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From history to Modernity

Paris

Pierrefitte-sur-Seine

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The « Satellites »:
Rooms for archivists and public

The Archives « Safe »:
Deposits

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The network of French Archives

The Interministerial Direction for Archives of France conceives, supports and controls the national policy for archives:
- three National Centers;
- a network of archives in 22 regions, 103 départements, and numerous cities, universities and hospitals

3,400 kilometers of records are kept in all those different centers
Refurbishing factories, boarding schools, even synagogues

versus

Building from scratch

Departmental Archives, Lyon

Municipal Archives, Bordeaux

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Ambitious Renovation Program in the North Department (Lille)

Both a renovation and an extension of a 1961 building. Strong outer insulation. Metro station nearby. But far from the center of Lille

Before/after

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Double Skin Facade (double peau)

Architectes : Zig ZAG

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Australian archivists were there!

Louise Doyle and Anne-Marie Condé
From National Archives Of Australia

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Spectacular Renovation Program in the North Department (Roubaix)

A former textile factory, built in 1845 and closed in 1982, becomes an archival center for business and trade-union archives.

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During demolition and construction

Architect Alain Sarfati

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A disused and deconsecrated synagogue becomes a municipal archive building but keeps its identity — although it is masked.
A Surprising Transformation

The reading room keeps the memory of the past.

Storage was added at the back of the building
Building from scratch in LYON

The building is near the main train station of the city. The concrete structure is « dressed » with a insulating cladding unit (like a Thermos bottle!)

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Archives lighting up the night!

Archives départementales du Rhône, Lyon.
Architectes : Bruno Dumetier/Gautier+Conquet

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Famous Architects for Archives

Zaha Hadid, Pierresvives
Hérault Departemental Archives Center

Massimiliano Fuksas, National Archives,
Pierrefitte-sur-Seine

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Building with a soul
French Guiana
French Guiana

Reflecting tradition. Ensuring preservation

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Elsewhere in the world

Prague. Czech Republic

Tradition and modernity
Elsewhere in the world

Finland. Helsinki and Hämeenlinna

Tradition in Helsinki
19th building

Deposits are underground on 5 levels

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Finland. Helsinki and Hämeenlinna

Modernity in Hämeenlinna archives building
Elsewhere in the world

Finland. Helsinki and Hämeenlinna

Modernity mixed with tradition on the outside and inside walls!
Elsewhere in the world

Finland. Helsinki and Hämeenlinna

Symbols and spelling from ancien texts were used by the graphic designer

Where is the intruder?

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In the end....

New or old Archives buildings welcome computers, tools, photo laboratories....

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In the end.... Archives are beautiful!
THANK YOU!

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