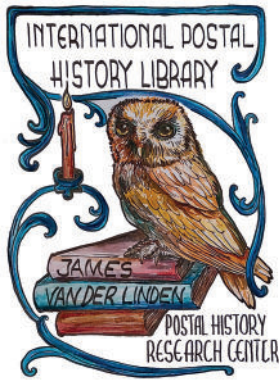


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Opening on 20 September 2025

IPHL and James Van der Linden Postal History Research Center is now open!

On Saturday, September 20, philatelists witnessed a birth. It was a bit difficult; the “baby” was supposed to arrive in June, but suddenly decided to stay in the cocoon a little longer. After 16 months, the “birth” was a fact: a postal history library with a research center!

Sixty-five guests came to greet the “newborn” and determined that it has “ears and legs,” as a Flemish saying goes. The beautiful display window with old maps, deeds, and announcements immediately reveals that there is something special behind this glass. The attractive display cases with postal artifacts at the entrance made many guests stop and marvel at unique items. The library, which is very logically laid out, is equipped with exceptionally good lighting. Special white light with 6000 lumens, which is used in the diamond industry, among other places. So here, there is no need to squint in dim light. At the back, there is a reading corner with a coffee and tea stand. It is a delight to be able to read a magazine in the Kinnarps chairs with a delicious cup of fresh coffee. There are also the necessary devices such as copiers (Kyocera Taskalfa) that can immediately send PDFs to your email address. Czur and Viisman scanners provide visitors with high-quality images.

Behind this, through a wide passageway, is a meeting and exhibition space. Up to 40 visitors can attend meetings and lectures here. The large mobile folding tables give the organization plenty of flexibility for other events. Along the walls, exhibition frames, a free gift from the German federation (thanks Lars Böttger!), transform this space into the ideal philatelic meeting room. A 68” Dynascan mobile screen with Kindermann dongle technology enables wireless working.

Every visitor we spoke to was wildly enthusiastic about the project. They loved the library’s collection, the meeting/exhibition space, as well as the entire concept!

IPHL would like to thank everyone for visiting, for the lovely gifts that some brought with them, and for all the positive feedback we have received, even to this day. Also a very special thanks to the exhibitors from Belgium, Netherlands, Luxemburg, United Kingdom, Switzerland and Portugal who were so grateful to show parts of their exhibits. Thank you!

We owe this fantastic project to one man in particular: Pol Wijnants. Without his enthusiasm and perseverance, this project would never have come to fruition. That, and some philatelic worldplayers like GPN and Kohler GmbH (Dieter Michelson) who truly believe in the project. So let’s all enjoy it and make the most of it!











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