

General Information

Our services

You can access 150.000 books, CD-Roms, DVDs, games, magazines and newspapers on site at Esslingen's public library "Stadtbücherei Esslingen". Most items are for loan. You may read, play games, do your homework and studies or just have a cup of coffee and enjoy the refreshments on offer in our Café.

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There are several PCs where you can access the Internet, play online games or check your emails. All computers have Word-Processing, including Word, Excel, Powerpoint.

Registration, library card

If you want to join the library as a user you need to show valid identification bearing your signature (ID-Card, Passport) and valid proof of residence. Under no circumstances may a card be loaned to another individual as it is for the exclusive use of the reader named on the card.

Borrowing charge

There is a charge of 15 Euro per year for borrowing media items and using the library services. The following persons are free of charge: children and young persons under the age of 18, pupils and students, persons doing compulsory military- or alternative-service, also persons receiving income support and owning the "Esslinger Gutscheineheft" (a voucher for families living in Esslingen which you can get from the Social-Security-Office "Sozialamt", depending on your income. Information Tel. 3512-2869).

Catalogue

The complete catalogue is available online at www.stadtbuecherei.esslingen.de - following the link "Katalog und Konto", where you may also access your personal library account.

Loan period

You can borrow books, games, CDs, CD-ROMs and Audio-CDs for up to 4 weeks. Magazines and DVDs are for 2 weeks only. After that period you must return all items by the date due or renew your loans to avoid overdue charges. Items returned late are subject to fines at the current rates.

Renewal

Renewals may be made by personal application, by phone or online via our catalogue (see above). You may ask for any item to be renewed up to five times provided that it has not been requested by someone else.

Reservation

You may request any item that is out on loan. A charge is made for this reservation service, which is 1 Euro per item reserved. Please ask at the information desk or make your reservation online. We will inform you by post as soon as the item is available and reserve it for you for the next 10 days.

Branches and mobile library "Bücherbus"

Our branch in Berkheim and the mobile library "Bücherbus" will provide you with media items close to you home. You may join our services in Berkheim or in the mobile library. Your library card is valid for the branch, the mobile library and the main library too.

Library regulations

Please check the terms and conditions of library use, contained within the official library bye-laws "Benutzungsordnung".

We are looking forward to your visit.