Catalogues

Catalogue of the University Library Aachen
The Catalogue of the University Library Aachen includes the collection of the Central Library and all branch libraries. Single book chapters and journal articles are not included. Catalogue records give a bibliographic description (author, title, publication details, etc.) of each item, list the holding (branch) libraries, the call numbers and tell you whether the item is on loan.

As well as enabling you to locate books, journals and other library materials, it also allows you to check your user account for details of your loans, recalls and interlibrary loan requests as well as renewing your loans and other services. To do any of this you will need to enter your user number and password.

Catalogue of the Departmental Libraries
At Aachen University there are more than 150 Departmental Libraries with individual library regulations and library cards. Their collections are searchable via the Departmental Catalogue. However, please note that in these libraries books and journals are generally reference only and cannot be borrowed.

Interlibrary loan service
As not everything you need is held in our own collections, the interlibrary loan service obtains items not available from our own stock. We endeavor to find those items and make them available to you. Requests can be made via Digitale Bibliothek. You need to logon with your user name and password to access the ILL service. We will notify you using your preferred means of contact when the requested materials are available at the circulation desk. We encourage correspondence by e-mail. For details ask the information specialists.

Text-Book Collection
Text-books with multiple copies are available in the Text-Book Collection on open shelf. These books are marked LB in the catalogues.

Scan, print and copy in the Library
The Library provides a variety of scan, copy and print services for users. Scanning is for free! Please check at the Central Library and Library for specific equipment locations.
RWTH Aachen University has a Central Library with several branch libraries in remote areas and about 150 departmental libraries. The Central Library is the main lending library. Its role is to provide access to the information resources required by members of the University for research, learning and teaching. There is a variety of material to support learning and research at the University; over 1,200,000 printed volumes, about 4000 journals, and an extensive range of high quality digital resources. Many resources are accessible from off-campus via the Internet. The use of the Library is regulated in the Library Regulations for the University Library at RWTH Aachen and in the Fee Policy for the University Library at RWTH Aachen University.

Opening hours

Central Library
Circulation (ground floor)
Tel.: +49 241 80-94456
E-Mail: ausleihe@bth.rwth-aachen.de / fernleihe@bth.rwth-aachen.de
Last orders: 30 minutes before closure
Mon - Fri 08.30 - 19.00
Sat 09.00 - 13.00
Mon - Fri Books ordered until 16.00 can be borrowed at the same day.

Study Spaces (1st floor)
Mon - Fri 08.00 - 24.00
Sat 09.00 - 24.00
Sun 11.00 - 24.00

Information Center (2nd floor)
Tel.: +49 241 80-94459
E-Mail: iz@bth.rwth-aachen.de
Mon - Fri 08.00 - 24.00
Sat 09.00 - 24.00
Sun 11.00 - 24.00

Patent and Standard Information Center (PNZ) (3rd floor)
Tel.: +49 241 80-94480 or 80-93601
Fax: +49 241 80-92239
E-Mail: pnz@bth.rwth-aachen.de
Internet: www.bth.rwth-aachen.de/ PNZ/
Mon, Tue 08.30 - 16.30
Wed 08.30 - 18.30
Thu, Fri 08.30 - 16.30

University Publications (Thesis)
(Gallery of the ground floor)
Printed Publications (Room 16E)
Tel.: +49 241 80-94464
E-Mail: hss@bth.rwth-aachen.de
Mo-Fri 09.00 - 12.00
Digital Publications (Room 15E)
Tel.: +49 241 80-94494
E-Mail: opus@bth.rwth-aachen.de
Mo-Thu 08.30 - 16.30
Fri 08.30 - 15.00
An appointment is required.

Library 2
(Templergraben 59, 52062 Aachen)
Tel.: +49 241 80-90214
Mon - Fri 08.00 - 24.00
Sat 09.00 - 24.00
Sun 11.00 - 24.00

Text-Book Collection
(Wüllinerstr. 3, 52062 Aachen)
Tel.: +49 241 80-94496
Mon - Fri 08.30 - 19.00
Sat 09.00 - 13.00
Last issues: 15 minutes before closure

Medical Library (Universitätsklinikum)
(Pauwelsstr. 30, 52057 Aachen)
Tel.: +49 241 80-88993
Fax: +49 241 80-82493
E-Mail: medbibl@bth.rwth-aachen.de
Internet: www.bth.rwth-aachen.de/ mb/index.html
Opening hours
Mon - Fri 08.00 - 21.00
Sat 09.00 - 17.00
Lending hours
Mon 09.00 - 16.45
Tue - Thu 09.00 - 19.30
Fri 09.00 - 15.45
Sat 09.00 - 12.45

How to Use the Central Library

Admission
Members of the University and guests may use the library in accordance with Library Regulations. RWTH students can register for the library with their Blue Card. Others may ask for a registration card at the Circulation Desk (ground floor). There are no fees.

Assistance to Readers
Reference Desk (2nd floor)
Tel.: +49 241 80-94459
E-Mail: iz@bth.rwth-aachen.de
Information specialists are available to tell you how to use the library and its catalogues and information sources.

Guided Tours
There are guided tours at the beginning of each semester (see special announcements posted in the library or in the internet). For special group guidance ask at the Reference Desk (Tel.: +49 241 80-94459).

Subject Specialists
Academic Librarians are responsible for book selection, classification, and special enquiries.

Internet Workstations
The library maintains library research workstations in the Reading Rooms and the entrance hall to provide access to electronic resources available on-site and via the internet in support of research and learning. There are also workstations for free internet available for staff and registered students of the RWTH. Login with the number of your library usercard and password (ground floor), login with RWTH user-id and password (Study Space, 1st floor).

Wireless network-access is available in the entire library.

Borrowing from the Library
The materials of the Central library are mainly in closed stack rooms. Library material from the stacks can be ordered electronically via the library catalogue. After waiting for a few minutes the requested materials can be picked up at the circulation desk. Requested materials will be held 2 days at the circulation desk.

Open shelf areas are in the Central Library (Information Center, 2nd floor) for books in natural sciences and engineering and in Library 2 for books in economics, humanities, social sciences and law.

Period of loan
books: 4 weeks
periodicals: 2 weeks