Catalogs

Catalog of the University Library Aachen
The Catalog of the University Library Aachen includes the collection of the Central Library, all branch libraries and part of departmental libraries. Catalog 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.

Catalog 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 Catalog and in part via our Catalog. 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 catalogs.

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 2 for specific equipment locations.

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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
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Information specialists are available to tell you how to use the library and its catalogs 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 the Information Literacy Team (Tel.: +49 241 80 97723 / 90206).

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 RWTH Blue Card-ID and password (Study Space, 1st floor). Wireless network-access and Eduroam 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 catalog. 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, 3rd floor for books in economics, humanities, social sciences and law.

Period of loan
books: 4 weeks
periodicals: 2 weeks