

Welcome to the Bochum City Library

What does the Bochum City Library provide?

The Bochum City Library provides all citizens with free access to media, information and education. In the Central Library and its six branch libraries located throughout city districts, qualified employees can help you in your search for information and media.

Around 400,000 media items are available for everyday information, leisure, learning and entertainment.

In the City Library, you can find

- Novels, children's and youth books
- Non-fiction and self-help literature
- Audiobooks, movies and music CDs
- Magazines and newspapers
- ... and much more.
- Games
- Language courses
- Novels and children's books in foreign languages and
- eBooks, eAudio, ePaper

These media are available for loan. Additionally, you can use our libraries to read, work, or study, and use our search and research services.

Use of library media on library premises is free of charge and does not require an ID. However, if you want to borrow something, a library card is required.

How can I obtain a library card?

If you want to apply for a library card for yourself or your child, you will need your ID card or your passport and your registration certificate from the residents' registration office.

Asylum seekers must have the certificate of registration as asylum seekers (BÜMA) or their residence card with registration certificate.

How much does the library card cost?

- The card is free of charge for children under 18 years of age.
 - For adults a one-year pass costs €30 (reduced €10), a half-year pass €18 (reduced €6)
- Please ask for the library card option which is cheapest for you. Proof of your right to reduced cost (i.e. disability, etc.) is required.

How do I borrow media?

Media that you would like to borrow can be checked out at the self-check-out terminals. Please print out the receipt upon which the loaned media are listed along with their respective return dates.

How long can I keep media?

- Books, audiobooks, movies, kids-CDs, sheet music, games and language courses have a loan period of 28 days.
- Music CDs, magazines, and e-media have a 14 day loan period.

You can renew media up to twice - in person, by telephone or on the Internet.

Please note: The loan period for media that has been reserved by another customer can not be extended.

What happens in case of late return?

If you return borrowed media too late or wait too late to extend the loan period, you have to pay late payment charges. Cost per media item

- after the 1st day: 1,50 €
- after the 8th day: 3,00 €
- after the 15th day: 6,00 €
- after the 22nd day: 10,00 €
- after the 29th day: 15,00 €
- after the 36th day: 20,00 €

We offer email notification of the upcoming expiration of borrowed media as a free service.

What happens when there is loss or damage to the media items I have borrowed?

You are liable for the cost of lost or damaged media.

My library card is lost! What should I do?

Please report lost library cards immediately to the city library; we can block your card for security. The block can be lifted once the library card has been found. To retrieve or release your library card, you must provide identification documents.

A replacement card can be provided for € 7,50. Again, identification documents are required.

Further offerings:

Free internet is available in all libraries upon presentation of your library card.

We offer you the following digital information tools:

- **Digibib:** Library catalogues and literature databases from around the world
- **Munzinger Online:** secure information about persons, countries, literature, film and music

At www.onleiheruhr.de, free eBooks, audio books and newspapers are available for download and limited-time use.

At <https://stadtbuecherei.bochum.de>, you can search in the library catalogue for media, reserve borrowed media in the Central Library, access your media account and even renew individual borrowed items up to two times.

We host regular **reading hours for kids**

- Central Library, every Tuesday, 16:30
- Library Gerthe, every Thursday, 15:30
- Library Langendeer, every Monday, 16:30
- Library Linden, every Monday, 16:30
- Library Querenburg, every Tuesday, 16:30
- Library Wattenscheid, every Thursday, 16:30

We host regularly occurring **guided tours**. Please join us!

Upcoming **events** and dates are found at <http://www.bochum.de/stadtbuecherei/aktuelles>

Find us on Facebook <https://www.Facebook.com/Stadtbuecherei.Bochum/>

The staff of the city library will be happy to answer your additional questions.

Addresses and opening hours

Central Library

Gustav-Heinemann-Platz 2-6, 44777 Bochum
Tel. 02 34 / 9 10 24 96
Mon - Fri 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Library Gerthe

Heinrichstr. 4, 44805 Bochum
Tel. 02 34 / 8 58 66
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Library Langendreer

Unterstr. 71, 44892 Bochum
Tel. 02 34 / 8 93 79 39
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Library Linden

Hattinger Str. 804-806, 44879 Bochum
Tel. 02 34 / 9 40 96 84
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Library Querenburg in the Uni-Center

Querenburger Höhe 270, 44801 Bochum
Tel. 02 34 / 9 10 91 41 / 42
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Library Wattenscheid in the Gertrudis Center

Alter Markt 1, 44866 Bochum
Tel. 02 34 / 9 10 65 28 / 29
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Family library Wiemelhausen

Markstr. 292, 44801 Bochum
Tel. 02 34 / 7 54 01
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.