

Welcome to the Duisburg City Library!

About us

The Duisburg City Library is a city facility for all and offers free access to books and other media as well as information and education.

Our libraries

Central library, Steinsche Gasse 26, 47051 Duisburg; 13 branches; 1 library bus

You can find addresses, opening times and the bus schedule for the library bus on our homepage.

Our service

We offer you

- To borrow: around 600,000 items (books, magazines, musical scores, music, films, digital media and much more) for all age ranges
- To use in the library: Work stations with internet access, WiFi, reading areas, newspapers, music practice rooms, makerspace, gaming area, copying machines
- To experience: Events for children and adults, e.g. tours, reading events, readings

Entrance to our libraries and using the books and other media on site is free of charge. For some services (e.g. using our computers, making copies, booking our music room) as well as for borrowing items, you will need a library card.

Library card

You can sign up in person in the library or online. To sign up, you will need the following documents:

- ID card or
- passport with a certificate of registration from the registry office (Einwohnermeldeamt) or
- (in exceptional cases) freedom of movement authorisation or residence permit (valid for at least 3 months)

The library card may not be used by anyone other than the card holder.

Costs of a library card

- €20.00 for 12 months, or €10.00 for recipients of certain social benefits
- €12.00 for 6 months
- €7.00 for 3 months
- €5.00 for 1 month
- €0.00 for children under the age of 18
- €0.00 for school students under the age of 25 attending a general school in Duisburg
- €0.00 for students of the University of Duisburg-Essen

Please inform us immediately if you lose your library card! A replacement card costs €4.00.

Loan periods

- Generally 28 days
- 14 days (e.g. audio books, CDs, video games)
- 14 days (e.g. films)

Please observe the respective loan period on your library receipt. If you wish, we can send you an email reminder. Please let us know or note this in your account.

Additional costs:

- Overdue items €0.45 per day per overdue item
- Sending a notification in the post €1.00
- Copies from €0.10
- Requesting an item from another library €3.00

If items are lost or damaged, you have to pay for their replacement.

You can find all important information about the city library at www.stadtbibliothek-duisburg.de. Here, you can also view your user account and our library catalogue.

Please feel free to contact our library staff if you have any questions.