

Item Locations

There are different item locations with different main subjects within both library buildings. At the City Center location you can find literature on humanities, social sciences, economics, and architecture, and at the Vaihingen location you can find literature on science, technology, and sports.

Open shelves

- Self-service
- Sorted by subject and topic (the first letters of the shelfmark indicate the subject)
- Yellow and yellow-white shelfmark tags on the book spines
- Loan period: 1 month
- Renewal (10 days at the earliest before the expiry of the current loan period) 5 times by 1 month each via the catalog, afterwards new checkout at the self-service terminals)
 -> requirement: the item has not been put on hold
- Request for pick-up at the other library location possible
 - Delivery on the following day, available from 1 p.m. at the latest
 - Exception on Friday -> delivery on Monday, available from 1 p.m. at the latest



City Center



Vaihingen



Reading Room

- Sorted by subject and topic (the first letters of the shelfmark indicate the subject)
- Red and red-white shelfmark tags on the book spines
- Loan period: 1 month
- Renewal (10 days at the earliest before the expiry of the current loan period) 1x by 1 month via the catalog -> requirement: the item has not been put on hold
- Request for pick-up at the other library location possible
 - Delivery on the following day, available from 1 p.m. at the latest
 - Exception on Friday -> delivery on Monday, available from 1 p.m. at the latest
- Reference books, loose-leaf collections, items in course reserve collections, and valuable literature are excluded from circulation



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Reading Room Periodicals / Journals

- Sorted by subjects and **alphabetically by journal title** within the subject
- Yellow and red-white shelfmark tags on the book spines
- The last 10 years of journals can be found in the reading room and are non-borrowable

Exception: Journals published since 1900 are non-borrowable within following subjects:

- City Center: Subject V: Linguistics and Literary Studies
- Vaihingen: Subjects E1: Mathematics, G1: Physics, G5: Astronomy, H1 – H6: Chemistry, J1 – J7: Chemical Technology, N1: Biology

- Older volumes of journals are located in the closed stacks and can be borrowed

Exception: Journals that are older than 100 years or not bound may only be used in the reading room



Note: At the City Center location, items from the open shelves and reading room are sorted into one another and set up by subject. Journals are located in front of the book holdings.

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Open Stacks

- Only at the City Center location
- Self-service
- White shelfmark tags on the book spines
- Loan period: 1 month
- Renewal (10 days at the earliest before the expiry of the current loan period) 5 times by 1 month each via the catalog, afterwards new checkout at the self-service terminals)
-> requirement: the item has not been put on hold
- Request for pick-up at the Vaihingen location possible
 - Delivery on the following day, available from 1 p.m. at the latest
 - Exception on Friday -> delivery on Monday, available from 1 p.m. at the latest



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Closed Stacks (Non-accessible area)

- Items always have to be requested via the catalog
- Request from the closed stacks:
 - for the respective library location:
 - before 3:30 p.m. -> items available within 20 minutes
 - after 3:30 p.m. -> items available from 10 a.m. on the following day
 - from the other library location:
 - delivery on the following day, available from 1 p.m. at the latest
 - Exception on Friday -> delivery on Monday, available from 1 p.m. at the latest
- White shelfmark tags on the book spines
- Loan period: 1 month
- Renewal (10 days at the earliest before the expiry of the current loan period) 5 times by 1 month each via the catalog, afterwards new checkout at the self-service terminals)
-> requirement: the item has not been put on hold
- Items from the rare books collection in the closed stacks (items older than 100 years, plans, drawings and photographs from the [Map and Plan Collection](#)) may only be used in the reading room.



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Course Reserve Collections

- Only at the Vaihingen location
- Exam relevant literature and important items for courses which have been compiled at request of professors and lecturers
- In the Departmental Library Mathematics/Physics, you can find permanent and temporary [course reserve collections](#)
- Items are marked with colored dots on the book spines
- Non-borrowable



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Have you got questions? The library team will gladly help you -> [„Ask a Librarian“](#)