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Restricted use of the libraries

Dear students,

The first digital summer semester is drawing to a close and the university buildings still have to remain closed due to the pandemic. This exceptional situation also affects the libraries, although the central university library (UB) at the locations Stadtmitte and Vaihingen has made it possible to borrow and return books and media since mid-May.

However, the reading rooms at both locations are still closed and presence is largely suspended. Why is this so? The ventilation situation in both buildings is inadequate, as a recent inspection by the occupational health service showed. Excessive concentrations of aerosols, as experts have certified, can endanger the health of the users. We are neither permitted nor do we want to take that risk. That is why we are trying to improve the situation in the short term together with all those responsible at the university and the university building authority. We are also considering structural measures. However, we cannot yet foresee when the provisions of the SARS-CoV-2 hygiene concept of the University of Stuttgart can be complied with in the reading rooms and, from an occupational health point of view, the "green light" can be given for limited presence operation.

Until recently, our central library was a much sought-after place for thousands of students to meet and study together. A limited reference service will only provide an inadequate substitute for this. However, infection prevention must be a top priority in the interest of all university members. This means that we must counteract the spread of the corona virus by having as little presence on campus as possible. The requirements of the new corona ordinance of the state of Baden-Württemberg





(CoronaVO), which has been in force since July 1, 2020, leave us with no other choice but to regulate access to the buildings.

Access to the institute and faculty libraries must be regulated accordingly. This is a challenge due to the closed buildings. However, after presenting an appropriate hygiene concept and a solution for logistics that conforms to the regulations, institute and faculty libraries may also consider a restricted lending and reference operation. We support these projects to the best of our ability.

We very much regret the current restrictions and refer to the so-called Local Electronic Article Delivery Service (LEA), which the University Library has extended to students due to the corona pandemic. The Rectorate has also provided financial means to expand the scanning capacity and the contingent of e-books. This is how we are trying to implement step-by-step improvements in the supply of literature, which is so important for teaching and research, knowing that in many subject areas the presence of the library plays a significant role.

We thank you for your understanding and will inform you as soon as the central library is about to open. We are looking forward to hopefully meeting and exchanging views and information in our library again soon. Please stay healthy!

With kind regards,

Warm regards,

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