RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
KIT Library supports research and teaching in a multitude of ways. For instance, reference libraries for scientists allow virtually unlimited usage of research relevant literature directly on one’s own workplace. At your request, we prepare a reference library of literature for seminars and other lectures and make them available in the libraries of KIT Library South.

PUBLICATION SERVICES / PUBLICATION FUND
The publication services ensure long-term document storage and meet the guidelines of Open Access. This applies to the KIT Publication Server and to KIT Scientific Publishing with its electronic and print-on-demand publications.

With the support of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, KIT has established a publication fund to finance Open Access publication fees. The KIT Library provides advice to authors and handles the respective fees for articles.

MEDIA CENTRE
The media centre offers the rental of professional equipment for audio-visual media and media workstations. Lecturers and professors at KIT also have the possibility to record their lectures and publish them afterwards in the digital audio and video archive DIVA.

OPENING HOURS
KIT Library South
The KIT Library South is open around the clock, including weekends and public holidays. From Monday to Friday, the information and issue desks are staffed from 9:00 – 19:00 and on Saturdays from 9:00 – 12:30. At night, the library is supervised by a security service.

From 19:00 – 9:00 and on weekends, the library may only be entered with a valid library card.

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THE KIT LIBRARY

The KIT Library is the main library of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). Its two branches on Campus South and Campus North provide literature for research and study for more than 24,000 students and 9,000 scientists with a widespread, interdisciplinary book stock of over 2 million volumes, reports and more than 70,000 periodicals in print and electronic form. The emphasis of the collection lies on natural and engineering sciences. An online guidance system offers a current overview of free learning and working places.

KIT LIBRARY SOUTH

The 24-hour library at Campus South is open around the clock. The combination of a special book security system and an automated issue desk make it possible to use the 900 workplaces anytime, day or night. Current and contemporary literature is freely accessible in the four specialised reading rooms. Each reading room provides cross-linked, modern and well-equipped study and work stations as well as printers, scanners and copy machines.

KIT LIBRARY NORTH

The research library at Campus North provides a large specialised book stock (especially reports and primary reports) on energy and nuclear energy. The complete literature is freely accessible to the user. Forty modern workplaces, as well as printers, scanners, copy machines and cubicles for individual work are available.

FURTHER LIBRARIES AT KIT

The Library of the University of Applied Sciences at Campus Moltkestraße and the Library of DHBW Karlsruhe at Campus Erzbergstraße are administrated by the KIT Library. Additional literature of the KIT Library is located in the two specialised reading rooms for chemistry and physics. Specialised literature on architecture, computer science, mathematics and economic science is located in the faculty libraries at Campus South. Learning Center and TheaBib offer additional learning places.

THE LIBRARY CARD

Any person resident in Germany may obtain a library card for borrowing books free of charge. KIT members can use their KIT identification card as a library card. The campus cards of the main Karlsruhe universities as well as of Badische Landesbibliothek can be registered free of charge as library card for the KIT Library. Other users are welcome to obtain library cards for a fee. KIT members can register online via the homepage. Other persons are requested to register directly at the information desk presenting their personal identification card.

THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

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- Access to tens of thousands of e-books, e-journals, online lectures and many more audiovisual documents
- Orders of literature currently not available at libraries in Karlsruhe via inter-library loan
- For members of KIT: ordering articles from KIT’s main libraries via the supply service LEA, delivered directly to their workplace
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Please note: for this service you need a KIT account of the KIT Steinbuch Centre for Computing (SCC) of KIT.

ADVICE AND INFORMATION

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- Guided introduction to literature research via the KIT Library catalogue tips and tricks for finding books, journals and electronic media
- A variety of in-depth training classes for the use of specialised databases: tips and tricks for finding technical literature