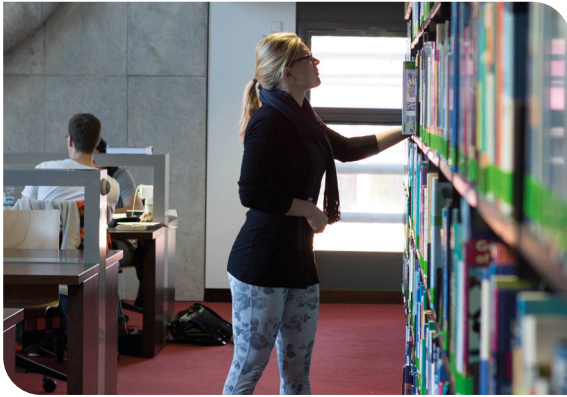




KIT Library

Information for New Students

KIT Library for Newcomers

LIBRARY RULES

Please help us create a good work atmosphere in the library!

Please be quiet while you are in the library so that others can concentrate on their work. Keep your phones and laptops on silent. Please note the different learning areas for communicative, quiet and silent learning.

Please refrain from eating in the reading rooms and only bring beverages in closed containers. Keep the study spaces clean.

If you leave your study space for a break, please place a time disk on your table.



E-LEARNING AND WORKSHOPS

Workshops and Consultation Services

KIT Library offers a differentiated range of workshops and consultation services. The courses are generally free of charge and open to all. For current dates and details of courses during the on-going semester, please refer to the calendar of events on the library website.

Guided Tours

At the beginning of each semester, guided tours through the library are offered specifically for new students.



LINKS AND CONTACT

A collection of useful links for new students can be found on the homepage of KIT Library on the internet. If you have any questions or requests, you are welcome to contact the staff at the information desks at any time.

Contact

KIT-Bibliothek Süd / Information desk
Straße am Forum 2, 76131 Karlsruhe
Phone: +49 721 608-43109 / -43111

Opening Hours



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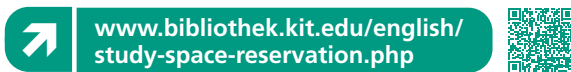
THE KIT LIBRARY

KIT Library is the main library of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). Besides the two central libraries at Campus North and Campus South, there are several subject libraries. In addition, KIT Library administrates the Library of the Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences as well as the Library of Baden-the Württemberg Co-operative State University Karlsruhe.

KIT-BIBLIOTHEK SÜD

Collections. Learning & Working

Current literature is freely accessible in the four reading rooms. The reading rooms offer single study spaces and group study rooms, some of which are reservable. Free study spaces can be found via the „Seatfinder“ on the library website.



Opening Hours

KIT-Bibliothek Süd is a 24-hour library and is open around the clock. The combination of book security system and automated self-service machines for issuing and returning books enables use of the library by day and night.



KIT-CARD

For full access to all services offered by KIT Library, the KIT-Card must be activated as a library card once. Besides book loans, the card can be used to pay any fees incurred and serves as a „key“ for the lockers in the basement of the new building.



SEARCHING FOR LITERATURE

The KIT-Katalog contains all media printed or electronically available at KIT Library locations. The „Articles & Papers“ catalog section includes primarily journal articles.



LOANS AND LIBRARY ACCOUNT

How can I borrow books?

Current literature can be found on the open shelves in the reading rooms or the textbook collection. Older materials must be ordered from the stacks and will then be deposited in the pick-up shelf on the ground floor of the new building. Before leaving the library, the books must be issued to your library account at one of the self-issue desks. Of course, you can also order books from the HKA and the DHWB libraries or borrow them directly on-site.



LOANS AND LIBRARY ACCOUNT

For how long can I borrow books?

The initial loan period is one month. Ten days prior to the end of that period you may extend it by another month, provided the book has not been reserved by another user. The loan period can be extended up to five times. Please note: If you overdraw the loan period, you will receive an overdue notice including a fine.

Where can I return books?

Book returns are possible at any time at one of the self-service return machines on the ground floor of the new building.

How can I check my library account?

Whether you want to check your library account, find out about the status of ordered books or extend your loans – you can access your library account and carry out activities by simply clicking on „Library Account“ on the library website.



FINES

Incurred fees can be paid at any time at the pay stations on the ground floor of the new building, using your library card.

Please make sure there is enough money on your card beforehand, either at the top-up station in the library or in the Mensa.