

Audio-Tour ULB Central Library

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Stopping Point Z01 – Accessibility

To access the library, you can use the lift in the so called “Torhaus” on Krummer Timpen. If you ring the bell at the lift, we will open and run the lift for you. When you have left the lift, go straight on, with the main building on your left and the westfalica reading room on your right. Then, at the corner of the main building, turn left. Between the revolving doors there is an automatic door. Please ring the bell and we will open the door for you.

If you come to the library on a regular basis, you can borrow your own transponder chip with your library card. With this chip you can operate the lift and the doors yourself. This is also true for the lifts accessing the reading rooms and stacks where most of the books are stored. Last but not least, you can also use the card - or a Eurokey - to use the disabled toilet. It is located in the reading room, the Lesesaal, on the first floor.

To apply for a transponder chip, download the form from our website under Service. Fill in the form and send it by e-mail to haustechnik.ulb@uni-muenster.de.

If you are unable to use the stand-up PCs in the ground floor reading room: You will find a user PC in the DigiLab room near the information desk where you can work sitting down.

Assistance and Support

Unfortunately, not all areas of the Central Library are accessible. Therefore, we are happy to assist you personally, for example when using KatalogPlus or when borrowing books.

Please feel free to contact us at the information desk on the Ground floor reading room. It is best to call us in advance on 83 24040 or send us an e-mail to ulb@uni-muenster.de. We will be sure to make time for you. You can also find the number and e-mail address on the audio tour flyer or the ULB website.

We hope these services are of use to you when working in the library. If you have any suggestions for improving our services, please let us know.

Stopping Point Z02 – GEHORCHE KEINEM: Work of Art at the University and State Library Muenster

Did you perhaps wonder about the huge red illuminated letters GEHORCHE when you first came to the library? “Gehorche” is an imperative and means “obey”. Only when you walk towards the entrance of the library and turn around the corner, the order changes into its opposite:

GEHORCHE becomes GEHORCHE KEINEM: Obey no one.

This work of art was donated by the State Chancellery of North Rhine-Westphalia. The chancellery commissioned the artist Babak Saed to design a work of art for the new library building. In 2009 GEHORCHE KEINEM was officially opened and has since then developed into a distinctive feature. The statement GEHORCHE KEINEM was critically discussed at the university and in Münster: Does it call for anarchism? Is it blasphemous?

The artist explains his work as follows: "It is essential to be open and able to change one's point of view, to question rules once learned and to create something new by breaking them". Dealing critically with information is important to him in this context. Therefore, the appeal GEHORCHE KEINEM at the entrance of the ULB - a place of information supply - seemed appropriate to him.

Stopping Point Z04 – Interlibrary Loan

If you find that the book or article you need is not available in any Münster library nor accessible online, then you should use our interlibrary loan service. You can request a book or an article for 1.50 Euro with your student ID or library card. That is still a lot cheaper than buying it at a second-hand bookshop or from the Internet – if you can get it there at all.

Items available in Northrhine-Westphalia will usually be delivered within one or two weeks. If the items are not available within Northrhine-Westphalia, a request may take up to three weeks. If it is more urgent, you can use commercial suppliers like Subito. They will deliver the items directly to your home – however, a service like this is more expensive.

If the book or article is not available within Germany at all, we can even request items for you from abroad. However, this is slightly more expensive than a national interlibrary loan. But it still beats taking a plane or a train in order to get your book or journal article.

For more information on our interlibrary loan services please come and see us at the information desk in the Ground floor reading room or visit our website.