The Library of the Academy of Fine Arts Munich

The library of the Academy of Fine Arts Munich provides access to 145,000 books (mainly art books), 2,000 digital media and about 70 current periodicals. The library’s collection profile is set to support the education at our academy. The focus of our collection is on the 20th/21st century art, especially contemporary art, media art, film and photography. Books about classical art history, architecture, design and philosophy complement the collection.

The library is a reference library and only open to our students, faculty and the staff. Current students of other arts colleges also are allowed to use the library. We do not lend books or other items.

Opening hours & Reservation

Monday - Thursday: 10 am – 7 pm, Friday: 10 am – 5 pm
The library remains closed on weekends.

Before getting started

Users should leave their wardrobe (coats, jackets, bags...) in a locker in front of the library. Please show your Student ID card to the person at the information desk and sign up (once a day) in the visitor book. In order to preserve a quiet study environment, the library requires users to mute mobile phones. Please do not use your mobile in the reading rooms and do not speak in a loud voice.

Eating and drinking is not allowed in any part of the library.

Using the library

A large part of the library’s collection (the acquisition since 1980) and the latest issues of the journals are shelved systematically in the reading rooms.

The books can be taken from the library shelves, but please do not return them into the bookshelves after reading. Instead, please put them on the book trolley in the main reading room.

Books about artists you can find in alphabetical order in the main reading room (A – G) and in the eastern reading room (H – Z).

Older material is located in our stack collection. They can be ordered at the information desk by filling in a form - please note that the waiting period is one day.

The periodicals collection since 1980 can be found in our periodical display shelves in the room above the reading rooms.

Digital Media (Videos, DVDs, CDs) can be viewed on the media workplace in the library (please order the required disk at the information desk).

The self-service photocopy machine is located in the eastern reading room. You have to use a photocopy card, which is available from a card machine beneath the
photocopy machine. For 1 € you will get your personal card with one copy preloaded. Thereafter more copies can be loaded onto the card (DIN A4 b/w = 5 Cent/copy).

**How to find a book**

The books available in the library can be searched using the OPAC in the library (Online Public Access Catalogue – including 174.000 titles, thereof 85.000 titles of essays).

Here you can find all the books, journals and essays that have been bought since 1997 and many (but not all) of the older titles, too. For older literature, you often have to use the old card catalogue in the reading room.

**Computers, Internet**

We offer access to the internet via WIFI or on two PCs in the eastern reading room. Therefore, you need your personal log-in-dates and password from the Leibnitz-Datacenter. You will get this from the student office.

We wish you a pleasant and interesting stay at our academy. Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you might have any further questions.

For more information, please visit the homepage:

http://www.adbk.de/de/akademie/bibliothek.html