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Central Library
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Opening times: Mon-Fri: 9am—8pm
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Opening times: Mon-Fri: 9am—8pm

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Fri: 9am—2pm

Databases

Not all content is covered by Primo. To complete your literature search please also use (subject-specialist) databases. Further information and links to the most important databases can be found on our website: https://bibliothek.charite.de/en/find_literature/databases/

Please note, the opening times are adjusted during exam periods and vacation times. These changes are notified to users on our website and on posters.
Do I need a library card?

Do you want to borrow or reserve books? Then you need a library card, which we issue on the premises.

Are you studying at the Charité, the FU or the HU? Then your student card is also your library card.

The loan period for books and other media is set at 4 weeks. You can use your library account to renew the loan period (up to max. 6 months).

The Library Portal Primo is how you reach your library account. The user number is the number on your student or library card. The pre-set password is: Date of birth (6 figures DDMMYY) + first letter of your surname (capitalized) + exclamation mark (e.g. 010490A!).

Can I study in the Library?

We make study and PC workstations available. You can learn in peace, or study in groups or meet with your fellow students. During the exam periods we offer extended opening times. Please look out for the posters!

How do I access the books?

The books are freely accessible. At the libraries on Campus Virchow-Klinikum (CVK) and Campus Charité Mitte (CCM) the books are classified and shelved according to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) classification scheme. Either research the Primo library portal to find the shelf-mark and location of a book, or go directly to the shelf and browse.

What is the “Lehrbuchsammlung“?

This translates as “textbook collection” and here you will find didactically authored study literature in large numbers. The books can be taken directly from the shelf and borrowed. Most of the textbooks have reference-only copies which can only be used on library premises. Many textbooks also have parallel e-book editions.

How do I use e-books and e-journals?

The e-books and e-journals licensed by the Charité Medical Library are listed in the Library Portal Primo and can be accessed by all computers within the Charité network. If you wish to access e-books, e-journals or databases from outside of the Charité network, then you will need a VPN access (only available to members of the Charité).

Where can I copy, scan and print?

You can copy, print and scan at all of the library sites. Copy cards are available on site. You can also pay for copies and print-outs with coins. Scanning is free, you just need a USB stick or you can send yourself scans directly in an email from the photocopying stations.

Are there workstations with internet access?

You can access the eduroam Wi-Fi with your own laptop or mobile phone. To use the licensed resources via Wi-Fi however, you need a VPN access. Application forms for a VPN access can be found on the Charité intranet, or you can also find copies of the forms available in the library.

In addition, PCs with office software are available at all library locations. You can use the (licensed) electronic resources from these computers.

Are tours and training available?

The library offers library induction tours and training in the specialist databases and services. All dates are available on our website. Additionally, help is available at the enquiry and issue desk, if you have questions on your literature searching.