

Using the Library

The **Bonn University and State Library (USL)** is the central lending and archive library of the University of Bonn. It has two locations:

- The holdings of the **Main Library** at Adenauerallee 39–41 include general information and literature for the humanities, social sciences, law, economics, theology and psychology.
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The USL buildings are **unfortunately not fully accessible**. Central areas of the Main Library and MNL Branch Library do, however, offer step-free access.

- **Parking:** a designated **disability parking space** is located to the left of the Main Library. Please contact the [staff at the information and lending desk](#) to raise the barrier gate.
 - **Step-free access:** looking at the building from Adenauerallee, you will find a **wheelchair-accessible ramp** to the left of the building leading from the parking lot to the main entrance. The doors on the right side of the main entrance open automatically.
 - The **lending desk, reading room and information desk** are **moderately accessible** using a **stair lift** in the entrance area.
 - **Restrooms:** an accessible restroom is located near the main entrance behind the lockers. You can get the **key** from the reading room desk.
 - **Lockers:** accessible [lockers](#) are located in the entrance area of the Main Library.
- The holdings of the [MNL Branch Library](#) at Friedrich-Hirzebruch-Allee 4 (previously Nußallee 15a), Poppelsdorf, include literature for the fields of medicine, natural sciences, computer science and agricultural sciences.
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- **Parking:** a designated **disabled parking space** is located next to the rear entrance on the side of the building facing Friedrich-Hirzebruch-Allee.
 - **Step-free access:** we would be happy to open the partition door at the main entrance (to the right of the arched door) for moderately accessible access to the library, or you can use the **wheelchair-accessible ramp** at the rear entrance by the parking lot. The doors must be operated manually.
 - The **lending desk and information desk** have **step-free access**.
 - The reading rooms are **moderately accessible** using the elevator.
 - **Restrooms:** the moderately accessible restroom is on the **1st lower level** and can be reached using the large elevator in the administrative section. The **key** to the **elevator** is available at the information and lending desk. Please exit the elevator on the 1st lower level on the side facing away from the open stacks and follow the corridor to the left.
 - **Lockers:** accessible [lockers](#) are located in the library entrance area.

The [Usage Regulations of the Bonn University and State Library](#) take the interests of people with disabilities into account. § 5 (Accessibility accommodations) of these regulations states:

“The USL is committed to equal participation for all members of society. It provides appropriate accessibility accommodations for users with disabilities and takes their special needs into account. The Representative for Students with Disabilities or Chronic Illnesses or Office of Disability Resources will be involved if necessary.”

Analogous provisions were also included in § 6 of the [Framework Usage Regulations for the Institute and Department Libraries of the Academic Institutions of the University of Bonn](#) dated December 16, 2022.

Due to the technical standards that are usual today, many of the tasks related to ordering and borrowing can easily be performed electronically. You can, however, submit a request, referring to the provisions above, if you require changes due to your disability. These accessibility accommodations include, for example, the following:

- Make **items** available for **pickup** at the lending desks
- Provide longer **borrowing periods**
- Allow friends or other people **with written authorization** to **borrow items** for you

Users can directly access a great deal of the USL's holdings in the open stacks. When using the open stacks, it can be difficult to reach certain books due, for example, to the height of the shelves. The library staff would be happy to help you with this or similar problems.

In addition to the USL, there are many **institute libraries** located throughout the city. As a rule, these are reference libraries that only lend in exceptional cases or only over the weekend. In such cases, you should also submit a request to library management for exceptions to the Usage Regulations if you would otherwise suffer considerable disadvantages due to your disability or chronic illness.

An overview of the libraries for the individual faculties is [available here](#).

The USL offers [assistance](#) to help you make the best use of its extensive holdings and the ways to find sources of research information for your work.