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The Public Library - a service for everyone

Library guide

The public library is a service available to everyone.

The library is an open meeting place which is free for children, teenagers and adults.

The rules are the same for everyone.

At the public library, you will find a wide range of material types: Books, newspapers, magazines/periodicals and audiobooks. Some libraries also offer language courses, music, Internet access and videos/DVD.

Most types of material can be borrowed. Bulletins, newspapers and periodicals are usually not available for home loan.

In Norwegian public libraries, you will find books and newspapers with a variety of political and religious content. An important principle for the service is to offer a wide choice.

The public libraries are owned and financed by the municipalities.

How do you borrow from the library?

All residents of Norway can obtain a library card on producing identification.

Children must have their parent's or guardian's signature in order to receive a library card.

The library card is your personal property and may not be used by others.

You are responsible for any loan made on your card.

When borrowing, the library card must always be shown to the librarian.

The loan period is normally 4 weeks, but libraries may set other return deadlines.

Ask about loan deadlines at your library.

Borrowing from the library is free, but if you are late in returning items, the library will demand a late return fee.

You are obliged to compensate lost and damaged material.

A service for children, teenagers and adults

You may borrow novels, folk tales, picture books, poetry, drama, and books covering a wide range of subjects.

You can read newspapers, periodicals, and magazines, and use the Internet.

You can receive answers to most questions by asking the library staff or by reading bulletins and other books.

Many libraries have events for children, teenagers and adults. Ask for the programme at your library.

Brochures, course catalogues and other information material are available for your use at the library.

Books in many languages

The library has books in many languages.

Libraries in municipalities that have many immigrants and refugees often have books in the languages represented here.

Ask the library staff if you cannot find books in your language at the library.

The library can acquire books in many languages from Det flerspråklige bibliotek (The multilingual library) in Oslo and other libraries.

The multilingual library

The multilingual library is a library specialising in literature in different minority languages.

This library is not open to the public. You can order books from The multilingual library through your local library. You can also request books etc.

Book lists

The multilingual library issues lists of books in many languages. Lists of new books are available on The multilingual library's homepage: www.deichman.no. Ask for the lists at your library!

How is the library useful to you?

To maintain your mother tongue

By reading books in your mother tongue, you can maintain your language.

By reading children's books to your children, you will be able to teach them your language.

It is important to maintain your mother tongue.

To learn Norwegian

In order to succeed in the Norwegian society, it is necessary to be able to speak/read the language. By borrowing books and listening to audiobooks, you will be able to learn Norwegian.

To gather information

It is important to have sound knowledge. You will find information at the library on:

- Norwegian society
- your homeland
- your legal rights
- your legal obligations
- most subjects

Your local library is:

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Make use of the library!