The Library of the Hochschule für bildende Künste Hamburg

Instructions for users

The library collection totals approx. 40,000 volumes. The collection specializes in 20th and 21st-century art, prioritizing contemporary art and monographs on the work of international artists, designers and photographers. The theory section includes all publications on connections between theoretical knowledge and practical artistic work, and on interdisciplinary art.



Databases

These databases can be accessed free of charge within the university:

- Allgemeines Künstlerlexikon Online
- ARTbibliographies Modern
- DBIS Datenbank Infosystem
- Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek
- Gender: Identity and Social Change
- JSTOR
- Prometheus

Catalogue

The library's online catalogue can be viewed on our homepage www.hfbk-hamburg.de/library. The same applies to new acquisitions and to semester reading collections. Please address any questions about online research to library staff.

Tours

Library tours and research tours can be booked by telephone at any time.

New acquisitions

You can find information on the latest new acquisitions on our homepage.

Semester reading collections

are collections of essential library literature reserved by a professor for participants in specific courses. Information on this can be found in the library, or on the online library pages.

Magazin (library depot)

Old and rarely accessed literature is kept at the storage library. You can request any of this literature by speaking to library staff. Ordered items will be made available within the week.

Daily newspapers

are provided in the library.

Journals

The HFBK library currently has subscriptions to 30 German and international journals on architecture, art, photography, design, film, and theatre.

Internet

The library has 4 computers, all with an internet connection. You can also access the network with your own PC, using the LAN connections on the workspaces, or from anywhere in the library using WLAN access.

Registration

You must register at the library in order to borrow items. To do this, you must fill out a reader's card at the library, agreeing to the regulations for library users.

Borrowing

The HFBK library is a reference and lending library. The reading room is open to all during the opening times given here, but borrowing is restricted to HFBK members who can produce a valid student ID. The lending collection items (marked with a green stripe) are lent out for the space of four weeks. AV media are lent out for the space of seven days. Archive items, reference works, current informational materials, protected items, daily newspapers, exhibition catalogues and artist monographs cannot be lent out.

No more than ten titles may be borrowed at any one time. Please check for damage when picking up books.

Extensions

Loan times can be extended for items that have not been pre-ordered. Books and AV materials must be returned after one extension. Extensions can be requested in person, by telephone or by email.

Reserving

You can reserve books you wish to borrow. You will be notified by email when the book is back in the library. Books will be available to be picked up for a week.

Library regulations

The user regulations set out the rules for library use. You will find them on the library's homepage. You can also view the user regulations in the library.

Fines

Failure to return items on time will incur fines. Based on the regulations on fines, these will total:

from the first day of overdue: €1 at the end of the first week: €2 additionally at the end of the second week: €5 additionally at the end of the fourth week: €10 additionally but no greater than €18 per lending card or book number

The copier

The library contains a copier. It requires copy cards, which can be obtained from the porter's lodge. Users must respect copyright.

Scanner

The library contains a book scanner that you can use to make scans free of charge. You should bring a USB stick with you as a storage medium for the scans.

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