

OULU CITY LIBRARY – REGIONAL LIBRARY

Library services

Everyone can use the library free of charge.

The Oulu City library consists of the main library in the city center and branch libraries located in different parts of the city.

Mobile libraries visit areas that do not have a library.

You can read books and magazines in the library or borrow them and take them home with you. You can also borrow CDs, DVDs and audiobooks.

You can use computers and surf the Internet.

The library provides services for people of all ages.

The library catalog features all kinds of material:

- Non-fiction
- Novels, poems and picture books
- Comics
- Magazines
- Music CDs
- Sheet music
- DVDs, Blu-Rays
- Language courses
- Audiobooks

The library has material in Finnish, Swedish and many other languages.

You can ask the library if there are any books in your native language.

How to use the library

The library is a place where you can read, find information and use computers.

In addition, you can listen to music in the music department.

The library is a peaceful place for reading and studying. Please be respectful of other people when you visit the library.

The library staff is happy to help you if you need any assistance or advice. They will help you locate books and find information.

Borrowing

You can borrow books and other material from the library and take it home with you.

You will need a library card in order to borrow material from the library. Anyone who lives in Finland can get a library card. You can get your card from the library if you show your passport or a valid identity card with your photograph.

If you are under 18 years old you will need a written permission from your parent or guardian.

You cannot borrow material without a library card so make sure you bring it with you.

You can use customer service desks or self-service machines to borrow material.

A library card is for personal use only. Others are not allowed to use your library card. You are responsible for your library card and any material borrowed with it. If you lose your library card or change your address, please notify the library immediately.

Loan period

The standard loan period for books is four weeks. For certain books, magazines, music and DVDs it may be shorter.

You will get a receipt for the material you borrow. The receipt shows the material you checked out and the due date when it must be returned. If you return your loans late you must pay an overdue fine.

You can renew your loans online or by visiting or calling the library.

You will need your PIN (Personal Identification Number) if you wish to log in to the OUTI web library and renew your loans. You can get your PIN from the library.

If the material has been reserved by another customer you will not be able to renew your loan.

Returning material

You can return library material to any of the OUTI libraries.

You do not need your library card when you return material.

Reserving material

You can reserve books, CDs, movies and all kinds of material. You can make the reservation online or at the customer service desks. The library will send you a notification when you can pick up your reservation.

Reserving an item is free of charge. If you do not pick up your reservation you must pay a fine.

Events at the library

The library organizes exhibitions and events for its customers of all ages.

For more information on the library and events please visit www.ouka.fi/kirjasto.

Self-service libraries

You can use certain libraries outside normal opening hours when the staff is not on the premises. A valid OUTI library card and PIN are required to enter the library.