Key facts
The Cologne City Library offers comprehensive services and a collection of over 800,000 items including books, DVDs, CDs, audio books, newspapers, magazines, games, electronic media and online databases.

Library card
A valid library card is needed to check-out items. You can register for a card at the Central and branch libraries. Please bring the required documentation with you. By signing your library card, you agree to our terms of use and schedule of fees.

Types of membership and fees
- **One year** 38.00 euros (12 months)
- **Permanent membership** (automatic renewal every year) 38.00 euros (13 months)
- **Short-term membership**
  - 20.00 euros (6 months)
  - 13.00 euros (3 months)

  Documentation needed: Personalausweis (valid photo ID) or passport with a certificate of residency.

- **Membership for children and young adults under 18 free of charge!**

  Documentation needed: Personalausweis (valid photo ID) or passport with a certificate of residency of the parent and a registration form signed by the parent or guardian.

- **Reduced membership fee for students and apprentices over 18:**
  - 28.00 euros (12 months)
  - 15.00 euros (6 months)

- **Discounted membership fee for Köln-Pass (Cologne Pass) holders:**
  - 13.00 euros (12 months)
  - 7.00 euros (6 months)

  Documentation needed: Personalausweis (valid photo ID) or passport with a certificate of residency and Köln-Pass (Cologne Pass)

- **Corporate membership** 182.00 euros (12 months)

  Please call for details at 0221/ 221-23939.

Loan periods
- **4 weeks:** books, media combinations, CD-ROMS, learning aids, printed music and maps.
- **2 weeks:** DVDs, CDs, magazines, games, Bestseller books

(Electronic media have different lending periods).
Special fees

- Reserving an item 1.00 euro
- Bestseller service, per book 2.00 euros
- Inter-library loan, per order 2.50 euros
- Checking out without a library card 1.00 euro
- Replacement library card 3.50 euros

Renewals

Items can be renewed up to two times, as long as there is no wait list.

- in person at the Central Library, branch libraries and the bookmobile.
- on the internet at: https://katalog.stbib-koeln.de
- by telephone at: 0221/221-23939
- by email: kundenservice@stbib-koeln.de
- by fax: 0221-221-23790
- by mail: Kundenservice der Stadtbibliothek Köln
  Josef-Haubrich-Hof 1, 50676 Köln

Overdue charges

- Exceeding the lending period results in overdue charges of 1.00 euro per item per week or partial week.
- After 11 weeks overdue, an additional 25.00 euros per item is charged.
- Mailed overdue notices incur a charge of 1.00 euro for the first overdue notice and 1.20 euros for the second overdue notice.
  There is no charge for email notification of overdue charges.
- The Bestseller service has additional late fees.

Condition, damage and returns

Please ensure that items are complete before check-out. Have any damages verified by staff. There is no entitlement for reimbursement, as we offer no guarantee for the quality of the items.

Change of address, lost card, use of card

Library cards are non-transferable. Please report a lost card immediately to have it blocked. Please report a change of address.

For more information: www.stbib-koeln.de

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