Where do I get a library card?
Service and Information (ULB Stadtmitte), HRZ
Students of the TU Darmstadt receive the „Athene-Karte“ automatically when they enroll at the registration office. The „Athene-Karte“ entitles you to use all services of the library. In case you did not receive the „Athene-Karte“ and are a regular member of the TU Darmstadt, please consult the university computer centre (HRZ).
If you are not a member of the TU Darmstadt, please register for the „ULB-Karte“. On the ground floor we provide computers to fill out the application form. The form is also available on our homepage, you can fill it out at home and bring it along to get your library card.
Both the „Athene-Karte“ and the „ULB-Karte“ are handed out only at the Central Library (ULB Stadtmitte).
Furthermore you need your identity card and a photo. You can either upload the photo yourself or make a photo at the counter.
People from abroad need their passports and their registration forms (official confirmation of your place of residence in Germany = Meldebescheinigung).

How and where to use the library card?
You need a library card to
• use lockers (ground floor - EG, foyer)
• borrow books
• order media from closed stacks (via all computers in the library and remote access)
• reserve carrels and deposit boxes (application form on our website)
• reserve group study rooms
• consult certain databases, e.g. databases of technical standards

Which personal belongings are allowed in the library?
You are allowed to bring the following items with you:
• personal working materials
• own and borrowed books
• laptops, notebooks or similar
• mobile phones if muted before entering the library
• water in clear plastic bottles
• outer wear like jackets or coats
• bags or similar

Items that are NOT to be brought into the research areas include:
• food and beverages other than water in clear plastic bottles

How and where to lock my jacket and bag?
locksers (ground floor, foyer)
To use the locking-system please first activate your library card at the magnetic field in the first row of lockers. To lock and open the locker press your library card (Athene-/ULB-Karte) against the knob until the lock catches.
The lockers should be emptied after 8 hours, after this time the library will charge regular overdue fees.
Do not lock valuable property, the library is not responsible for any loss.

How to book a research carrel?
How to book a deposit box for working materials in the upper floors?
Service and Information desk (ground floor - EG)
All library members can apply for a carrel and fill out an application form on our website. The form is activated regularly, when carrels are available. Successful applicants will be informed by email.
Deposit boxes are available without reservation.
The keys for carrels or deposit boxes are handed out and can be given back at the Service and Information desk.

How to book a group study room?
application form
Library members can book a group study room by themselves using the web interface on www.ulb.tu-darmstadt.de/gar.

Where to get help?
Service and Information (ground floor - EG), offices (1st and 3rd floor)
For questions concerning loan or interlibrary loan please contact the Service and Information desk on the ground floor.
For general questions concerning our library services, e.g. how to use the online catalogue, how to find journals and articles, please ask in the offices.

Where to find scanners?
EG – 3
You will need a library card to use lockers (ground floor - EG, foyer)

Where to collect ordered books?
Service and Information desk (ground floor - EG)
Order media from closed stacks can be found at the collection shelf. Non-lendable media, e.g. older and precious books, are handled out at the Service and Information desk on the ground floor.

How to find books in a certain subject?
textbook collection (EG), research areas 1st to 3rd floor (OG 1 to OG 3)
Most of the books in the research areas are shelved according to a German classification system called „Regensburger Verbundklassifikation“ (RVK). This classification system organizes library material according to 33 branches of knowledge labelled A to Z which are further divided by additional capital letters and a set of numbers. A detailed breakdown of the categories can be viewed online on our website.
Architecture, Humanities and Social Sciences

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Communication Science AP
Theology B
Philosophy CL-CX
Psychology CE-CZ
Educational Science D
Linguistics, Literature and Philology E-K
Ethnology LA-LC
Classical Archaeology LD-LG
History of Arts LH-LO T 030

Physics, Geography and Engineering

Team Natural Sciences and Engineering 103, 105, 107, 110–112
Special Collection 125
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Conference room 104

Natural Sciences

Geography TE-TZ
Geology und Paleontology TE-TZ
Physics U0
Mechanics UB 6800
Mineralogy UB 7000
Metallurgy UQ 40
Geophysics, Meteorology UT
General Engineering ZT 007 T 021
Civil Engineering ZT 008 T 021

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Mining and Metallurgy ZK
Mechanical Engineering ZL
Materials Sciences and Manufacturing ZM
Electrical Engineering ZN
Traffic, Transport ZO
Power Engineering ZP
Measurement Engineering Control Engineering ZO
Handicraft, Trade ZS

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