

Padua Public Libraries

Padua public libraries provide free reading service to the city. They form a network of 8 libraries located throughout the city, offering a variety of information, meeting accessible demands and answering any documentary need that readers arise.

Libraries promote free access to knowledge and information, regardless of gender, social status or religious belief; they also undertake projects and initiatives to promote reading and support dialogue, focusing on cultural diversity and local interaction.

Facilities and services

Padua Public Libraries have open shelves material, allowing access and direct viewing of available items. They offer books, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, DVDs and music CDs. Libraries provide a wide range of services: bibliographical information, PCs connecting to the Internet, free wi-fi in every location, access to the digital lending platform, MediaLibraryOnLine, a program rich in activities for all ages, studying and reading spaces, newspapers and magazines, books and multimedia, digital resources and databases.

All of the libraries present areas dedicated to children and teenagers.

The main public library - or Biblioteca Civica- also has a rich historical section of rare and valuable items.

Joining the libraries

Library membership is necessary to access all services.

In order to receive a library card, users need to fill in a form and show their identification document. Registration is free; children under 14 years need

written permission from a parent, guardian or trustee

Borrow, renew and reserve library items

The borrowing service is personal: every user may get up to 10 items, three of which can be DVDs, CDs or other multimedia content. It is possible to borrow 2 issues of magazines. Newspapers and the latest issues of magazines are excluded from the borrowing.

Printed materials and audiobooks' loan term is 30 days and it is renewable twice up to a maximum of 90 days; DVDs, magazines and CDs' loan term is 7 days and it is renewable up to a maximum of 14 days. Items can be renewed if another user has not reserved them.

Items can be requested in the library where they are stored (local lending); alternatively, users can request materials from the other libraries of the system.

Users may reserve items online, by phone or email; besides, they can have access to the home borrowing service.

In-library consultation may be reserved by phone or email for items not available for borrowing.

It is important to return library items on time.

For this reason we send out expiry notices and reminders on overdue loans. Materials can be returned to any library within the system.

Catalogue

Our catalogue is available online from any device connected to the Internet: <https://galileodiscovery.unipd.it>.

Consultation is free but by logging in (through the ID and password provided with the library card or with a Social login) users can reserve and/or

renew their loans on their personal account.

Digital content

Each library offers access to the digital content of MediaLibraryOnLine (ebooks, audiobooks, newspapers and magazines from around the world in full version, movies and movies streaming, databases, music, online courses). Resources are available free of charge, 24 hours a day, all year round, in the library or from home. Users who want to access to digital contents need to ask staff for the subscription in MLOL and connect to the site:

<https://sbupadova.medialibrary.it> using the ID and password provided during the Library membership procedure.

Information and access to the Internet

Each library offers information and reference service in person at the loan desk, by email or phone. Terminals connecting to the Internet are available in some of the libraries for users over 18. Minors must be authorised by an adult member of the family.

Reproductions

In libraries equipped with suitable facilities, the reproduction of bibliographical material is only allowed for research and study purposes, as intended by the copyright law.

Reproduction methods:

- Self-service (or with library assistants' support) photocopies: with fee charge from modern material only, provided that there are no reasons for reasons of protection and preservation.
- Self-service digital reproduction: free of charge from modern material only, provided that there are no reasons for protection and preservation.

Donations

It is possible to donate books, magazines, multimedia material or archives to public libraries: acquisitions will be accepted after staff evaluation on a case-by-case basis. See our website for more information.

Events

Our libraries' network organizes many activities to promote books and reading for users of every age, as well as events to enhance our city heritage and foster a sense of community. Check our website for more details and the latest news.

Newsletter

Receive updates on activities and events of Padua public libraries by subscribing on the dedicated page of our website: <https://www.bibliotechecivichepadova.it/iscriviti-newsletter>

App Affluences

When users want to study with its own books in the Modern section of the Biblioteca Civica it is necessary to reserve the seat using the app Affluences choosing among areas B, C-D, E-G, F.

Biblioteca Civica di Padova

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Biblioteca Arcella

via Jacopo da Ponte, 7
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Biblioteca Brenta-Venezia

via S. Marco, 300
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Biblioteca Forcellini

via Boccaccio, 80
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email biblioteca.forcellini@comune.padova.it

Biblioteca Bassanello

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