

History

The Bauhaus had its most successful period in Dessau and after opening in 1926 a small library was built. At the behest of the National Socialists, who massively disapproved of the ideas of the Bauhaus, it was closed after only six years in 1932.

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe continued to run the Bauhaus for several months as a school in Berlin. Some of the students and teachers moved with him and so did a small part of the library's holdings. In 1933, the Bauhaus finally dissolved under pressure from the National Socialists. Nothing is known about the whereabouts of the books. Only a few copies were returned to their old location in Dessau and some books were returned through the transfer of the estates from former 'Bauhäusler'.

In 1976, after the Bauhaus building was renovated for its 50th anniversary, it was used as a research and cultural center. To mark its 60th birthday on 4 December 1986, the library was reopened in its original location in the north wing of the building. The original holdings of the Bauhaus Library increased at that time with acquisitions from antique booksellers.

In 1993, shortly after the university campus in Dessau was founded, the Anhalt University Library was also established in the Bauhaus building. The rapidly increasing number of students and the equally increasing number of library holdings made it necessary to move the university library to the nearby Jahnstraße. From the beginning, this location was seen as an interim solution. Due to the enormous expansion of its holdings, the Bauhaus Library also faced space problems.

The process of finding new, suitable buildings proved to be more difficult than expected, and the idea of one solution for both institutions was focused.

In 2005 the collaboration of both was decided and the former department store and „Tanzcafé am Bauhaus“, which had been vacant since 2003, was planned as a library building. Since 2011, the building located next to the Bauhaus on Gropiusallee is home of the „Libraries at the Bauhaus“.

Despite different sponsorship, tasks and goals, the cooperation results in a variety of intersections in which the holdings and services of both institutions complement each other.



LIBRARIES AT THE BAUHAUS

Anhalt University of Applied Sciences
University Library
Dessau campus library

Bauhaus Dessau Foundation Library

Anhalt University Library, Dessau campus library

As a central facility of the university, we would like to support you in the best possible way with our range of services.

INFORMATION

At our three locations in Bernburg, Dessau and Köthen, we offer access to more than 359,000 holdings. With our central search engine *Discovery-Service* you can have access to approx. 100,000 eBooks, numerous specialist databases and about 90,000 eJournals. We can provide you with fully equipped computer workstations, copiers and scanners.

BORROWING BOOKS & SERVICE

You'll find most of the books and resources grouped according to subject classification and call numbers in the open shelf areas of the libraries.

In order to borrow books and resources, you will have to register: Please bring your university ID, employee ID or personal ID card.

With the exception of journals, resources that are not marked as reference can be borrowed for a loan period of 4 weeks. Books and resources that are not in our holdings can be obtained as an inter-library loan for a fee. You can get more information at our circulation desk or at our Internet website.

The university library is open to everyone.

We look forward to your visit!



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At a glance

Our Collections

- 359,000 holdings
- 180 currently running printed journals
- 100,000 eBooks
- 90,000 eJournals

Special collections

Architecture, Facility Management, Geoinformation, Design; resources from other campus libraries (Bernburg, Köthen) can be delivered to Dessau

Service and use

- lending & information services
- interlibrary loan
- library tours and training on the use of resources for research
- eTutorials for library use
- publication of scientific papers
- Discovery-Service

On-site services

Computer workstations, WLAN, self-checkout stations and a book return container, individual and group workstations, presentation technology, copiers (0.05 €/ per copy) / scanners / printers

Barrier-free

Yes, fully accessible and barrier-free

User fees

none

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Opening hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

*Please note changes in the library's opening hours during the semester breaks.

Bauhaus Dessau Foundation Library

The Library of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation is a scholarly specialist reference library for the history and research on the Bauhaus and for the general project work of the foundation.

Its holdings have meanwhile become one of the largest in Europe on the subject of the Bauhaus. The work carried out by the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation has also resulted in the acquisition of extensive holdings on the following subjects: Urban Development, Architecture, Art and Design.

The range of services includes:

- use of the library is free-of-charge
- free WLAN
- free scanning to USB sticks, there are fees for making photocopies
- group study rooms (separate room)
- reference collections on current issues
- display cabinets containing current Bauhaus exhibitions on specific subjects
- regular cultural events, e.g. readings etc. that are free and open to the public

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At a glance

Our Collections

- 35,000 books
- 34 current running printed periodicals
- 15,000 volumes of grey literature
- 40,000 journal articles
- press documentation about the work and projects of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation Library

Special collections

Bauhaus, Architecture, Urban Design, Stage Design, Design

Service and use

- open to the public
- reference library
- GBV online database

On-site services

- user workplaces
- 2 research workstations
- scanners / copiers / printers

Barrier-free

Fully accessible and barrier-free

User fees

None

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