

Presentation of City of Paris Lending Libraries

Welcome to the City of Paris lending libraries!

The network of City of Paris libraries comprises **57** libraries in all the arrondissements of Paris. They are **free and open to all**.

The City of Paris libraries offer a range of services and access to reception, information and leisure areas where you can consult more than 3.5 million documents and **800** computers.

Some services (e.g. borrowing documents, using a computer for more than 15 minutes) are restricted to enrolled members, but others are available without prior enrolment (e.g. work spaces, cultural events).

Enrolling in the library

A single enrolment allows you to borrow from all City of Paris lending libraries.

Enrolment is open to all: adults, children, Parisians and non-Parisians, irrespective of nationality.

A valid ID card is all you need to enrol: a national identity card, passport, driving licence, residence permit, certificate of application for asylum, family booklet or a civil status certificate.

Library cards are valid for one year from the date of enrolment. To renew your card every year, remember to present valid ID along with your user's card.

Services

Document loans

You can access more than 3.5 million documents. Most of them - books, reviews, comic strips, audio recordings, language-learning methods - can be borrowed free of charge, except for music CDs, for which there is a subscription fee.

The digital library, e-readers and tablets

Via the libraries portal, you have free access to a library of e-books. You can borrow e-readers from libraries for up to three weeks, in the same way as you borrow a book. Each e-reader is loaded with a catalogue of about 1,300 books in French, but also in other languages, for example English, Spanish and German.

Tablets are also available as part of the services for children and adults.

Learn French and other foreign languages

Most libraries provide language-learning methods, but some libraries are identified as "Language **Centers**" and provide methods for learning a great variety of languages (e.g. French as a Foreign Language, English, German, Spanish, Bengali, Egyptian, Indonesian, Pashto, Persian, Russian, Romanian), as well as books, reviews and audio documents in foreign languages.

Some libraries also organise French conversation sessions for adults as a learning aid.

Coup2Pouce (A Helping Hand)

Some libraries provide a free homework assistance service for primary and secondary school pupils up to a certain level.

Free WI-FI

Thanks to the Paris Wi-Fi service, you can avail of a free high-speed Internet connection in all City of Paris libraries.

700 self-service computers

Self-service computers are available in the municipal libraries. They provide free and secure access to the Internet, e-resources and software.

➤ **Computers for 15 minutes (without enrolling)**

"Casual" users may make use of computers for a limited period of 15 minutes without enrolling.

➤ **Computers for 2 hours (after enrolling)**

Computers are available to users with valid membership cards. "Adult" workstations are available to everyone over the age of 12 for up to 2 hours a day. "Youth" workstations are reserved for minors and limited to 1 hour a day.

A rich and varied cultural program

City of Paris libraries offer a varied cultural program to suit all tastes. The program includes, free of charge and without enrolling: film shows, encounters, concerts, debates, exhibitions, workshops, storytelling, reading groups, video games, outdoor libraries in summer and much more.

Go to <http://bibliotheques.paris.fr/agenda.aspx> for further details (sites, events, times)

Disabled access

The majority of libraries provide disabled access. The "Deaf" and "Reading Differently" centres provide enhanced access with special collections and services.

For further information, go to <http://meslieux.paris.fr/bibliotheques>

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are the opening and closing times of the libraries?

NB: the libraries don't all open and close at the same time. Consult <http://meslieux.paris.fr/bibliotheques>

What can I borrow?

Enrolled members of any City of Paris lending library can borrow up to 20 documents, including up to 5 DVDs. You can also borrow e-readers and e-books.

How long can I keep the documents I borrow?

Documents can be kept for up to 3 weeks and renewed twice if returned on time and not already reserved. You can renew loans at the library or via your user account.

How can I know if a document is available?

By consulting the library catalogue on the Internet : <https://bibliotheques.paris>

Where can I return borrowed documents to?

Borrowed documents must be returned to the library they were borrowed from.

What is the point of the user account?

You can use a user account to reserve items, renew loans, consult loans and return dates.

How can I access my user account?

Go to <https://bibliotheques.paris>

The page allows you to log on in the upper right corner:



My User account

Card number

Forgotten your password?

A login form with a dark red background. It features two white input fields: "Votre identifiant" and "Votre mot de passe". To the right of the second field is a white "OK" button. On the far right, there is a dark blue button with a white user icon and the text "Mon Compte".

Your card number (without spaces or punctuation) is your user ID.

The password is your date of birth, without any punctuation (example: 16021980)

What happens if I keep documents beyond the return date?

Your card is blocked for all delays of 7 days and more, until the documents are returned. A late-return fee must be paid once the fee reaches €15.

- €0.15 a day per document (adults)
- €0.07 a day per document (minors) or loan service suspended for 2 weeks.

Give us your email address and we will remind you of the return dates for any items borrowed.

What happens if I lose or damage a borrowed document?

All lost or damaged documents must be paid for or replaced.

How can I reserve documents?

You can reserve up to 10 documents in a variety of media, either online or in a library.

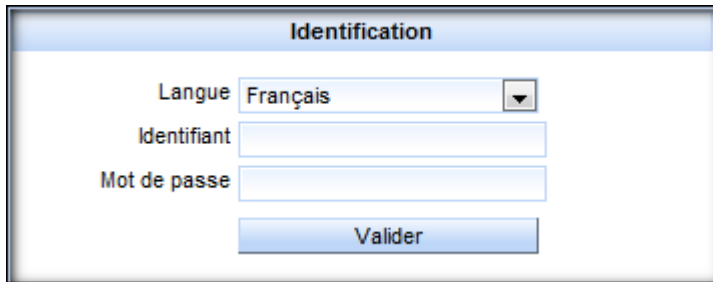
What happens if I lose my card?

Lost or stolen cards must be reported to the library of your choice as quickly as possible. A new card will be issued 15 days after your declaration.

How can I connect to Wi-Fi?

To connect to the network, select the network PARIS_WI-FI and enter your email address.

How can I connect to the library computers?



The image shows a web form titled "Identification". It contains the following elements:

- A dropdown menu labeled "Langue" with "Français" selected.
- A text input field labeled "Identifiant".
- A text input field labeled "Mot de passe".
- A blue button labeled "Valider".

Language... English

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Password

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The librarians are available to answer any questions you may have.