

Data, Facts, Services

1. General

Since 1 September 2004 the **Rheinische Landesbibliothek** (Rhenish State Library) has been part of the newly founded Landesbibliothekszentrum Rheinland-Pfalz (Library Centre of Rhineland-Palatinate). It unites the Rheinische Landesbibliothek in Koblenz, the Landesbüchereistelle (State Public Library Agency) Rheinland-Pfalz in Koblenz, the Staatliche Büchereistelle (State Public Library Agency) Rheinland-Pfalz in Neustadt / Weinstraße, the Pfälzische Landesbibliothek (Palatine State Library) in Speyer and the Bibliotheca Bipontina in Zweibrücken and it is subject to the supervision of the Minister of Education, Science, Youth and Cultural Affairs.

2. Facilities and opening

The Landesbibliothekszentrum has been established as of 1 September 2004 (Gemeinsames Amtsblatt der Ministerien für Bildung, Frauen und Jugend und für Wissenschaft, Weiterbildung, Forschung und Kultur Rheinland-Pfalz, Nr. 10/2004, S. 335) and continues the duties of the formerly independent Rheinische Landesbibliothek, which was founded by organisational decree of the Minister of Cultural Affairs on 11 May 1987 (Staatsanzeiger für Rheinland-Pfalz 1987, Nr. 23, 15.06.1987, S. 602).

3. Responsibilities

The Landesbibliothekszentrum / Rheinische Landesbibliothek is the **public scientific library** for the region of the former **administrative district of Koblenz** and is responsible for the following:

- a) Supplying the general public, cultural and educational institutions, economic enterprises and authorities with media and information
- b) Collecting, indexing, conserving and mediating the literature of Rheinland-Pfalz (Rhineland-Palatinate) for the former administrative district of Koblenz (including digitalisation) and publishing the Rheinland-Pfälzische Bibliographie (Rhineland-Palatinal Bibliography); legal deposit library for the former administrative district of Koblenz
- c) Legal deposit library of official publications of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate
- d) Preserving historic collections in Rhineland-Palatinate
- e) Function as Central Educational Library of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate

4. Services

The stock, consisting of books, periodicals, newspapers, scores, maps, CD-Roms, computer discs, videos, sound recordings, microfilms, microfiches etc., **can be used in the library reading areas or may be borrowed and taken home**. Manuscripts and deposit copies as well as older and more valuable material can generally only be used in the library.

The **public catalogue** is kept electronically and can be used by every interested person in Rhineland—Palatinate and elsewhere, in the library as well as from every computer with internet access on the following website

<http://www.lbz-rlp.de>

This catalogue, a union catalogue of the three scientific libraries of the Landesbibliothekszenrum, can be consulted to search for material, to place orders, to renew items, to place reserves, to see ones own user account etc.

Borrowing can be done either directly in the library, or by post (for which a fee is charged, "LBZdirekt") or through each borrower's nearest public library, in accordance with their conditions of use.

On the library's **website**

<http://www.lbz-rlp.de/cms/rheinische-landesbibliothek/>

you will find access to other German and international library catalogues, electronic document ordering and supply systems, scientific databases, addresses and reference material.

The library offers **public Internet workstations**, which can be used **free of charge**. Computing facilities in the study areas also include wireless connections.

Opening hours for persons visiting the library are:

Mondays – Fridays 10.00 am to 7.00 pm

Saturdays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Information and lending departments can be contacted

by telephone: 0261 91500 - 400

by fax: 0261 91500 - 910

by e-mail: info.rlb@lbz-rlp.de

Use of the library and **borrowing** material is **free of charge**. Equipment for playing audio-visual material is available in the library (cassette player, CD and DVD player, video tape recorder, PC). Any book, periodical article etc. which is not available onsite, can be ordered through **inter-library loan** or other non-gratuitous document delivery services.

In addition, the library has set up a **direct order service ("LBZdirekt")** where requests can simply be submitted by phone, fax, e-mail or post. These orders are then directly carried out by the library against remuneration and submitted to the user (for further information: tel. 0261 91500 – 400 or

<http://www.lbz-rlp.de/cms/rheinische-landesbibliothek/service/lbzdirekt/>).

The Landesbibliothekszenrum / Rheinische Landesbibliothek offers you with its "Digitale Bibliothek" (Digital Library) a possibility to access many large catalogues from all over the world and search special literature (including periodical articles) in a lot of databases. Registered users of the Rheinische Landesbibliothek can also place an interlibrary loan request online via this user interface.

The database LITexpress (www.litexpress.de) enables every citizen of Rhineland-Palatinate to borrow the media of the Rheinische Landesbibliothek from every private Internet access facility or from every community, city or district library.

5. Regional databases and web portals

The Landesbibliothekszentrum with its locations Pfälzische Landesbibliothek Speyer and Rheinische Landesbibliothek Koblenz edits the Rheinland-Pfälzische Bibliographie (Bibliography of Rhineland-Palatinate) in cooperation with the Stadtbibliothek (City Library) of Mainz and the Stadtbibliothek (City Library) of Trier. All publications since 1991 which are connected to Rhineland-Palatinate as a whole, individual regions or towns as regards content are entered into the bibliography. The bibliography is available free of charge as database in the Internet (www.rpb-rlp.de).

In addition, the "Rhineland-Palatinate Names Database" ("Rheinland-Pfälzische Personendatenbank", in short "RPPD") is being compiled and enlarged every day. It lists personalities from different occupations and areas of life (music, literature, politics ...) who are important for public life in the region. Our database offers you essential information at a glance by giving you particulars about each person in a short and clear CV. You can find the database on www.rppd-rlp.de.

Dilibri (www.dilibri.de) is a digital collection of literature mainly relating to Rhineland-Palatinate but also containing other valuable titles from several libraries in the region. Currently, the University Library Trier and the City Public Library Mainz are the partners of the "Landesbibliothekszentrum" in this digitisation project. Other institutions will soon also take part.

6. Stock and services for the year 2007

Complete stock (books, periodicals, newspapers, scores, microfiches, sound recordings, maps etc.):	645.544
Current periodical subscriptions:	3.864
Total transactions (loans, reading-room, outgoing and incoming inter-library loans):	385.934
Total active registered users:	9.243
Acquisition budget (books, periodicals, etc.):	431.829 €
Personnel (full time equivalents):	53,31

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