



Library Resources

Stockholm

Brief Overview

You are encouraged to use Stockholm's libraries, several of which are located conveniently close to DIS. Both public and university libraries can provide you with a wealth of useful literature, as well as comfortable, inspiring spaces in which to study. A Swedish civil registration number (*personnummer*) is usually required to check out books and gain access to facilities. Stockholm's public libraries, however, allow DIS students to register for a temporary library card, valid for one year. You may register as a user at Stockholm's City Library (Stadsbibliotek), the National Library of Sweden (Kungliga biblioteket), and all public libraries, including Östermalm Public Library, which is a five minute walk from DIS. Please bring your passport to each library in order to register for a library card.

Generally, books can be checked out for four weeks – two if there is a reservation queue. Other media, such as DVDs and CDs, may be checked out for shorter periods. Please check the rules of the specific library that you are borrowing from, and be aware that if you have ordered the material from elsewhere, the source library's rules are likely to apply.

Libris.kb.se is a database that covers all of Sweden's libraries and is a useful tool for tracking down a specific subject or publication. Use Libris to see which libraries have the material you are looking for, and whether you can check it out, or must use it on site. In some cases, an inter-library loan may be possible.

Please read on for more information about Stockholm's libraries!

Since opening hours are subject to change, please use the links to the relevant websites for further details.

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Stockholm Public Library

Stockholms Stadsbibliotek



Stockholm's central public library is renowned for its splendid architecture, designed by Swedish Gunnar Asplund in 1928. The collection includes more than 2 million volumes and 2.4 million audio tapes, CDs and audio books. Stadsbiblioteket has the added appeal of being located close to DIS and beside the leafy Observatorielunden.

GENERAL ACCESS AND FACILITIES

Bring your passport, and you will be able to register for a temporary library card, which is valid for one year. Facilities include a café, group rooms, reading area, printing (black and white only), as well as various databases and online newspapers.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

The library is next to the park, Observatorielunden. The easiest way to get there is to take the bus from Stockholms Musikhögskolan to Stadsbiblioteket (line 4 or 72). Estimated travel time, 10 minutes.

Address: Sveavägen 73

<https://biblioteket.stockholm.se/en/language/english-engelska>

Östermalm Public Library

Östermalms Bibliotek



Like Stockholms Stadsbibliotek, Östermalm Library is a public library. It houses a modest collection, but you can request books from other public libraries for pick-up here.

ACCESS AND FACILITIES

The library is open to the public and with a library card you gain full access. Bring your passport to the library to register for a card. Facilities include print and scanning, computers for visitors, study space, and a coffee vending machine.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

Address: Valhallavägen 146 – a five minute walk from DIS.

<https://biblioteket.stockholm.se/en/language/english-engelska>

The National Library

Kungliga Biblioteket



The National Library of Sweden collects everything printed in Sweden or in Swedish, and has done so since 1661. The collection consists of more than 20 million items, including a wide variety of audiovisual materials. The National Library is a Humanities research library and has scholarly publications in several languages.

ACCESS AND FACILITIES

The library is open to the public. However, it is primarily a research library and you will not be able to check out materials. When you visit the library, you will be required to fill out a form at the Information and Circulation Desk before accessing materials. As a foreign student, you must give a home address both in Sweden and in your country of legal residence. You will then be able to request books for reading in the reading rooms.

Facilities include reading rooms for quiet study and areas for viewing microfilm, audiovisual material, and other items. You can place orders for prints, manuscripts etc., and gain access to television and radio broadcasts, music, films and other multimedia.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

The National Library is located on the south side of Humlegården, a park near DIS. The easiest way to get there is to walk: the distance is 1km from DIS and should not take you more than 15 minutes.

<http://www.kb.se/english/>



Frescati Library

Frascatabiblioteket – Stockholms Universitetsbibliotek



Frescati Library is the main library of Stockholm University. It is the most popular library among the city's students, with more than 1.6 million visitors a year. With a collection of more than 2.5 million printed volumes, it is one of the largest research libraries in Sweden.

ACCESS AND FACILITIES

Frescati is open to the public and is a pleasant place to study. To check out books and reserve group rooms, however, you need a student card and student login from Stockholm University, which is not available to most DIS students. You will, however, have full access to online resources. Visit the information desk to apply for wifi access – please bring ID! You cannot print there, but you can email online materials to yourself and print them elsewhere.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

The Frescati Library is located in Campus Frescati in the area Norra Djurgården, north of DIS. There are various public transport options to get there - the easiest is tunnelbana (line 14, toward Mörby Centrum) to Universitetet. Estimated travel time from DIS is 15 minutes.

Address: Universitetsvägen 14 D

<http://su.se/english/library/>



Other Stockholm University Libraries

Stockholms Stadsbibliotek



In total, Stockholm University has ten libraries but, like Frescati, most of them are located in Campus Frescati and they all require a university library card to gain full access.

THE DEPARTMENT LIBRARY FOR MEDIA, JOURNALISM, AND COMMUNICATION at SU

This library is very close to to DIS and operated like the Frescati: there is walk-in access, as well as access to wifi. Contact the information desk for a log-in – bring ID!

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

Tunnelbana to Karlaplan or bus 4 to Garnisonen.
Travel time from DIS, approximately 15 minutes.

Address: Karlavägen 104, 4th floor

<http://su.se/english/library/study-places/our-libraries#JMK>

KI University Library

(KIB) Universitetsbiblioteket, Karolinska Institutet



The Karolinska Institute (KI) is a Swedish single-faculty University that caters to the health and life sciences. Thus, the library collection focuses on medical studies and KI curates the biggest Swedish collection of research material in this area.

ACCESS AND FACILITIES

Since the Karolinska Institute is not part of Stockholm's University, you need a student card specifically for KI to gain full user rights. However, bring your passport to apply for a public user library card! Public users can use the reading area, check out items, and search databases on location.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

KI is located roughly 4km west of DIS. Take bus 73 to Karolinska institutet västra – travel time approximately 35 minutes.

Address: Berzelius Väg 7B

<http://kib.ki.se/en>

KTH Library

Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan Biblioteket (KTHB)



This library hosts an extensive array of books and journals, arranged in various suites and collections, and covering everything from environmental engineering to aeronautics to architecture – as well as everything published by KTH until 2010. Of special note is the Old Book Collection, documenting Sweden's development from 1825, through the industrial revolution, and up to 1960.

ACCESS AND FACILITIES

There is walk-in access, as with the SU libraries. You can also bring your passport and residence permit, to be registered as a user. This will allow you to loan books, and access online materials on the available computers (there is a time limit of 1-2 hours). Please note that you will not have access to wifi.

There are several study spaces in the library, both for individuals and groups, some for silent study, some for quiet conversation.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

The library of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology is an easy 1 km walk from DIS. You can also take the tunnelbana one stop from Stadion to Tekniska Högskolan to bring the estimated travel time down to 6 minutes.

Address: Osquars Backe 31, SE-100 44, Stockholm

<https://www.kth.se/en/kthb>



International Library

Internationella Biblioteket



This library stocks materials in over one hundred languages and you can borrow books, films, and music from around the world. The library also hosts a variety of different events relevant to the international community – please check the website for further information.

ACCESS AND FACILITIES

The International Library is a public library and you will be able to register for a library card here. If you have a library card you can book a computer, or use the free Wi-Fi.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

The International Library is within a stone's throw of Stockholm Public Library. From DIS, take bus line 4 or 72 to Stadsbiblioteket. Travel time is approximately 15 minutes.

Address: Odengatan 59

<https://biblioteket.stockholm.se/en/language/english-engelska>