

Biblioteca Laudense - Lodi's Comunal Library

Instructions for use

The Library is open to citizens of all ages and caters towards any cultural interest and request for information. An organized collection of books and other documents, it offers those who come the chance to consult books at home free of charge. The Biblioteca Laudense is part of the Lodi district Library System which groups together most of the libraries in the province of Lodi.

Services available

The Library currently has around 75.000 volumes in its modern collection, 11.000 volumes belonging to the ancient collection and 147 periodicals. All the volumes in the modern collection may be borrowed with the rare exception (this depends on the year of publication, for reference volumes or the deteriorated state of the books themselves). The library lending service is divided into two sections:

Adults: for those over the age of 14

Situated on the first floor of the Library, it consists of a newspaper and periodical library and photocopy service. On the same floor it is possible to visit on request the "Sala dei Filippini", the original nucleus of the Library. It is also possible to find bibliographies, lists of new publications and information about the Library's varied activities.

Children: for young people under the age of 14.

This section contains works specifically designed for this age group with a large selection of books suitable for pre-school children. During the year, by prior appointment, the Children's Section organizes visits and encounters with school groups as well as activities geared towards promoting a love of reading.

Lending Service

The service is free and available to all library members. Each member may borrow up to six books at any given time for a maximum of 30 days, a period which on expiry may be renewed for another month. The period may also be renewed by telephone. A booking service is available for books already lent out and it is also possible to suggest the titles of books to be purchased. Members must respect the loan periods, treat books with care and replace books should they get lost or damaged while in their possession.

Reference Section

Anyone may consult the catalogue containing the index-cards of books possessed by the Biblioteca Laudense and by the other libraries which are part of the Library System in the province. The reference section librarians are available to respond to any request for bibliographic material and documentation using the most appropriate means.

The joint catalogue of all the libraries in the Lodi province System may also be consulted by visiting the website **www.bibliotechelodi.it**.

Lending between libraries

A regular service free of charge is available whereby books may be lent from one library to another within the provincial Library System. Volumes coming from other libraries, if they may be borrowed and are available, usually take just a few days to be delivered after the request is made for them.

It is also possible, on request, for books to be lent between libraries which are not part of the local Library System; this service sometimes involves the payment of expenses incurred by the lending library whose task it is to establish conditions of payment and borrowing periods. At least ten days are necessary before requested volumes may be taken out.

Under the same conditions, a service is available on request which supplies documents such as photocopies of magazine articles.

The newspaper and periodical library

A collection of newspapers and magazines available for free consultation is widely representative of the national scene. This collection takes in 9 daily newspapers and the most popular weeklies. Back numbers of the Gazzetta Ufficiale (general version and those concerning the competitive job post examinations) may also be consulted. This material may be photocopied but is not available for home borrowing.

Copy service

The Library has a copy service for photocopying or microfilm reproduction. A4 size photocopies cost 0.05 Euros each (A3 size cost 0.10 Euros) while prints from microfilm cost 0.10 and 0.20 Euros each respectively.

Local history section

This section contains books, degree theses and brochures regarding the history of the local area and which may be borrowed only if other copies are available, one of which must remain for consultation in the Library. Lending of these works depends on various factors.

How to enrol

Everyone may join in the System whichever town or village they live in. Membership is free, all you do is fill in a form. A library card is given to members which allows them access to all the library services listed above and to all the libraries belonging to the System. Members under the age of 18 must obtain the signature of a parent or guardian who takes legal responsibility for them.

The data obtained according to the law on privacy is used only within the library institutions and in accordance with the law. Access to the library and the use of materials inside it is also open to non-members.

Address/INFO

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The Library opening times are as follows:

Adults' and children's sections Monday to Friday: 2pm-6.30pm
Saturday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

Summer opening times:

Adults' and children's sections Monday to Saturday: 8.30am - 12.30pm