Libraries and Electronic Resources

Charles University’s library services are provided by a variety of separate library facilities located at faculties and other parts of the University. All of these library services operate under the supervision of the University’s Central Library. Besides traditional lending services (books and other printed documents), the libraries also offer a wide range of electronic resources (e-resources).

For Charles University students and staff

Internal users (Charles University students, staff and employees) can use the services of individual libraries provided they have valid student or staff cards, which also serve as library reader cards. These cards are available at all Charles University card service centres.

For external users

External users (students and staff from other universities, as well as members of the general public) can register as readers under the rules set by each individual library at the University. External users who require one specific item held by one of the University’s libraries will find it easier to use the inter-library lending service rather than registering with a University library. This service is available at research libraries and public libraries (such as municipal libraries).

Charles University Central Catalogue

To search in the holdings of individual libraries, readers can use the Charles University Central Catalogue, which is a union catalogue of the libraries of all faculties and other parts of the University.

Library Regulations

Regulations for the use of Charles University libraries are set out in the Charles University Library Code and in the regulations of the various libraries located at the University’s faculties and other parts.