The Open Area

The Open Area in the main hall of the Silesian Library is a space with free access to books that can be used on-site without a library card. Readers enrolled in the Library can additionally borrow books.

The most important information

- The Open Area is available to readers during the opening hours of the Silesian Library.
- Borrowing books and audiobooks and the use of computers is only possible upon presentation of a library card.
- Before passing through the gate, books from the library must be presented to the employee at the Information Desk (passing through the gate with books triggers the alarm).

Information Desk

- Information Desk is the place to borrow and return books and audiobooks from the Open Area.
- The employee at the Information Desk provides all the tips on using the Open Area, including, for example, finding a specific audiobook.

Open Area book collection

- The loan from Open Area cannot be renewed.
- The number of volumes to be borrowed including the Open Area and Circulation Department is 10, (scholars – 20).
- Books from the Open Area can be requested only beyond the opening hours of the Silesian Library, e.g.: Monday to Friday, 9.00 pm-6.00 am and on Saturday after 4.00 pm.

- In the Open Area, there are several thousand successively exchanged books.
- The collection includes the following categories: regional literature, non-fiction, biographies, fiction, self-help books, film, music, travel guides, history, poetry and art, comics, literature for children and youth, and foreign language literature.
- Fiction was arranged on the shelves alphabetically by authors' surnames.
- One of the shelves is dedicated to regional literature. Here, you can find books about Silesia, books written in Silesian, dictionaries and travel guides to the region.
- In the Open Area, there is an extensive collection of comics and manga.
- You can find here also books in foreign languages: English, Russian and Ukrainian.
- On the spines of the books, there are stickers with letter markings to distinguish the collection of the Open Area from the other borrowed books.
- Audiobooks are borrowed and returned at the Information Desk.

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Children's Corner, the „Greenhouse"

- Books in the children's corner can be borrowed home.
- For the youngest readers, there are also wedges, colouring books, crayons and educational games that can be used on-site.
- Parents/*Guardians are responsible for* the safety of their children using the Greenhouse.

Additional information

- Computer terminals are only used to browse the Integro

electronic catalog.

- In the entire Open Area, it is possible to use available Wi-Fi.
- In the Open Area, there are both individual workplaces and a group work stand.
- You can enter the Open Area in the outer garments (you leave things at your own risk), or use the lockable cupboards for clothes in the library hall.
- Book-crossing – in front of the Open Area, there is a bookcase with books for free exchange (you can take books home, as well as leave your own books and thus share them with others).

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