



Vision

Managing an information environment in constant evolution, with the aim of contributing to University of Palermo learning, research, and innovation through sustainable and socially responsible strategies and services of excellence that promote the creation and dissemination of knowledge.

Mission

Implementing optimized strategies and offering quality services focused on the needs of the academic community and society through:

- the provision of suitable spaces for study and work by individuals and groups
- the efficient management, conservation and use of the University's collections and scientific outputs
- the offer of innovative services that support students in their curriculum and professors and researchers during the process of study and research
- the availability of competent and specialized library staff
- the establishment of partnerships to advance and promote social commitment and sustainability.

Where are we?

- Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Policlinico "Paolo Giaccone"
- Campus universitario Viale delle Scienze
- Complesso monumentale di Sant'Antonino
- Via Archirafi
- Via Divisi
- Via Maqueda
- Via Pascoli



Università degli Studi di Palermo



LIBRARIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO

SHORT GUIDE TO SERVICES

The University of Palermo libraries offer users reading rooms, individual and group study spaces, print and digital resources, as well as useful services and tools for teaching and research.

The University library services also organizes public engagement activities that promote interaction between the University and society through cultural events for the community and the public.

18 Libraries
35 Service points
2.508 Reading seats



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Collections

- Over 1,4 milioni print documents
- Almost 600.000 e-books
- More than 2.400 audiobooks
- About 6.000 Alternative Media Resources
- Over 236.000 electronic journals
- More than 130 databases

Local, interlibrary and digital loan

- Local loan** service allows you to borrow a copy of a book from the library for a specified period of time.
- Interlibrary loan** service allows you to request a book from other Italian and/or foreign libraries if it is not available in any of the university's libraries.
- Digital loan** service provides access to e-book collections through a dedicated platform.

Document delivery

The **document delivery** service allows you to **receive print or digital copies** of journal articles or parts of volumes that are not available in the UniPa libraries.



Reference

Reference is a set of information and **consulting services** aimed at satisfying the information and knowledge needs of users in person and remotely, through the messaging service *Ask a librarian*.

In every library librarians offer:

- **basic orientation** regarding the use of research tools
- **support** provided to PhD students and professors for their specialized research, also in terms of advice related to the creation of specific research products
- **consulting** for the preparation of research products.

Training

In the library users can participate in **training activities**, face to face and online, organized to promote awareness and knowledge of available tools, services, and resources. Different levels of training are provided to meet the specific needs of users.

In support of teaching, the 'Information Literacy' course, with recognized ECTS credits, is available for students of some degree programs. It is delivered on the university's e-learning platform.

Plagiarism prevention

The University of Palermo supports authors in the process of writing academic contributions. Since 2022, it offers a service of plagiarism prevention to the university community, through a **dedicated software**, that allows to:

- Check a document's originality (thesis, scientific article, etc.)
- Guarantee and protect the quality and authenticity of academic writing
- Self-evaluate the documents produced
- Consciously use sources, while respecting the quality and originality of scientific work.



Support to research

Libraries support the academic community in the dissemination of scientific products. Librarians provide assistance to authors on matters concerning:

- The concept of **authorship/intellectual** responsibility
- **Ethical aspects** and **integrity** of **scientific research**
- Strategies and criteria for choosing where to publish research products
- Technical and organizational aspects of the **editorial workflow**
- Technical and regulatory parameters regarding the self-archiving of scientific research products by authors
- The implications of **bibliometrics** in the evaluation of scientific products.

To experience libraries

Libraries organize events **to promote culture and knowledge** and carry out innovative projects.

They involve students of all ages, teachers, scholars, institutions, and citizens in a climate of transgenerational **dialogue and exchange**, with the goal of fostering cultural and social growth and development.

As part of their "Public engagement," librarians also promote reading education activities in collaboration with schools and social assistance organizations, **literacy projects on the use of libraries**, and initiatives in partnership with local cultural associations and the Municipality of Palermo.