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Alavieska Municipal Library
Kalajoki City Library
Merijärvi Municipal Library
Nivala City Library
Oulainen City Library
Sievi Municipal Library
Ylivieska City Library

A library serves all: children, young people and adults.
There is a library in every Finnish municipality.
Use of a library is free.

A library contains a wide range of different materials:

- textbooks
- novels, poetry and other literature
- picture books
- DVDs and videos (many branches of film, music and information)
- language courses (on CD and cassette)
- audiobooks (on CD and cassette)
- journals (newspapers and magazines)
- music (CDs and DVDs)
- plain-language books with simplified text
- easy reader books for children and young people
- sheet music
- comics
- CD-ROM programmes

In a library you can:

- read newspapers and magazines
- borrow books, music, films and other items
- use the computers

Materials in different languages

Many libraries have materials in languages other than Finnish, such as English, Swedish, Russian and German.

Ask at the library if there is material in your own language. If not, the library may be able to order for you from another library.

The Multilingual Library in Helsinki contains materials in many languages. This material can be sent to other libraries upon request.

How to use a library

You can visit a library to read newspapers and magazines, to search for information and books, or to use the computers. A library is a peaceful environment for reading and studying. Be considerate towards other library users during your visit.

A library's terms of use explain how to make use of library services. Get to know the terms of use for your local library.

Ask the librarians for help if you need it. They will be happy to offer advice on using the library and searching for information.

Library card and borrowing

You may borrow books and other items to take home with you.

For this you will need a library card. The same library card can be used to borrow from any of the Tiekko libraries.

Here is how to obtain your card:

- Fill in the customer form available from the library
- Present your passport or personal ID.

Children can be issued their own library card with the consent of a guardian.

You must have your library card with you if you want to borrow material from the library. The library card is a personal document. The owner of the library card is responsible for all materials borrowed using the card. Inform the library immediately if you lose your card or there is a change in your address.

How to borrow:

- Look on the library shelves for the book or other item you wish to borrow.
- Take the item to the librarian at the loan desk
- Show your library card
- The librarian will record the borrowed item in the library computer
- You will be given a receipt showing the date by which the item must be returned

Loan period

The loan period for books (including audiobooks) is generally four weeks. Music and DVDs are loaned for a shorter time.

You will always be given a receipt when you borrow items from the library. The receipt shows the date by which the item must be returned. You do not need your library card for returning items. If you return an item late, the library will charge you an overdue fee.

If you need the item for a longer period, you can renew the loan:

- at the library
- over the phone
- by internet

A library is for all to share

Library collections are for the use of all. Look after your borrowed items carefully. If an item borrowed using your card is damaged or lost you must pay compensation.

The library online

The library internet pages are open to everyone.

The address is <https://tiekko.finna.fi/>

Without needing your library card you can:

- investigate the materials available in Tiekkö libraries
- check whether the item you seek is on the library shelf or out on loan

Using your library card and PIN code you can:

- renew your loaned item
- check your personal borrower information, your loan or the item you have ordered
- order an item
- borrow an electronic book and download it to your computer

You can obtain a PIN code from the library.

Interlibrary loans

If your local library does not have the item you need, the library can order it from another Tiekkö library or from other libraries.

Tell the librarian which item or items you need. Interlibrary loans from public libraries are usually free of charge. The charge will be approximately €10 for a book ordered from a research library.

Mobile library

Some municipalities operate a mobile library serving those living outside the centre.

Your local library can provide you with the mobile library timetables.

Tiekkö libraries

Library	Address	Lending/ Interlibrary loan services	E-mail	website
Alavieskan kunnankirjasto	Pokelantie 3 85200 Alavieska	044 5395 269	alavieskan.kirjasto@alavieska.fi	www.alavieska.fi/vapaa-aika/kirjasto
Kalajoen kaupunginkirjasto	Kalajoentie 1 85100 Kalajoki	044 4691 289	kirjasto@kalajoki.fi	www.kalajoki.fi/kirjasto
Himangan kirjasto	Leipämäentie 4 68100 Himanka	044 4691 858	himangan.kirjasto@kalajoki.fi	www.kalajoki.fi/kirjasto
Merijärven kunnankirjasto	Merijärventie 104 86220 Merijärvi	044 4776 270	merijarven.kirjasto@merijarvi.fi	www.merijarvi.fi/vapaa-aika-ja-kulttuuri/kirjasto
Nivalan kaupunginkirjasto	PL 71, Kalliontie 21 85501 Nivala	040 3447 347 040 3447 344	nivalan.kirjasto@nivala.fi	www.nivala.fi/kirjasto
Oulaisten kaupunginkirjasto	Sahankatu 2 86300 Oulainen	044 4793 245 044 4793 213	kirjasto@oulainen.fi	www.oulainen.fi/kirjasto
Sievin kunnankirjasto	Haikolantie 19 85410 Sievi	044 4883 238	sievinkirjasto@sievi.fi	www.sievi.fi/vapaa-aikatoimi/kirjasto/
Ylivieskan kaupunginkirjasto	Kyöstintie 4 84100 Ylivieska	044 4294 271 044 4294 272	kirjasto@ylivieska.fi	www.ylivieska.fi/kirjasto
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Research libraries in the region

Oulaisten oppimiskeskus	Kuntotie 2 86301 Oulainen	050 408 7988	oulainen.oppimiskeskus@oamk.fi	www.oamk.fi/kirjasto/
Centria-kirjasto Ylivieska	Vierimaantie 3 (PL 62) 84100 Ylivieska	040 729 9913	kirjasto.ylivieska@centria.fi	kirjasto.centria.fi/