

Cafeteria

The cafeteria is on the **2nd floor**. It offers a selection of food and drinks. A few tables are reserved for library guests who wish to consume their own food or drinks.

Stairways, Elevators, Restrooms

Stairways, elevators and restrooms are located in the building's four towers. The library's main staircase is in the southeast tower (on the right hand when entering the library), and the main elevator in the northeast tower. Handicap accessible restrooms are on 1st and 4th floor.

Website

From the library's website, landsbokasafn.is, there is a link to a version in English with information about the library, its holdings and services. It also directs the user to the library's catalogues, online databases, e-journals and other information resources, most of which are free of charge for users within the Icelandic network.

Libguides in English

On the library's website are guides for finding library material, electronic resources and databases.

Conduct

Great emphasis is placed on proper conduct. The consumption of food and drink is not allowed, either in reading rooms, working areas or stairways, except water in closed bottles. Smoking (and vaping) is forbidden everywhere in the building. Mobile phones should be switched to silent. Please respect other patrons' need for peace and quiet.



Welcome

The **National and University Library of Iceland** is situated in the ***Þjóðarþókkhlaða*** at Arngrímsgata 3 with a branch library in ***Lögberg***, (Faculty of Law).

Opening Hours

Winter hours 8:15-22:00 Monday - Thursday
 8:15-19:00 Friday
 10:00-17:00 Saturday
 11:00-17:00 Sunday

Summer hours 9:00-17:00 Monday - Friday
 10:00-14:00 Saturday until June 17th

The Library Collection and Services

In the *National and University Library* there are approximately one million volumes of books, periodicals and other material, as well as 15,000 manuscripts.

About 75-80% of the printed collection is in foreign languages.

- The circulating copies of Icelandic and foreign books are on the **3rd and 4th floor**
utlan@landsbokasafn.is
Tel: 525-5770 / 525-5750
- The **course reserve** collection is on the **4th floor**
Tel: 525-5770
- The **Audio-Visual** collection is on the **4th floor**,
tonogmynd@landsbokasafn.is
Tel: 525-5774
- Newspapers, journals and theses from the University of Iceland are on the **3rd floor** and are not available for loan.
Tel: 525-5750
- The **reference service** and the library's collection of reference works is on the **2nd floor**,
upplys@landsbokasafn.is
Tel: 525-5685
- The **main circulation desk** is on the **2nd floor**,
utlan@landsbokasafn.is
Tel: 525-5681
- The **Icelandic National Collection** is on the **1st floor** and may only be used in the reading room on the same floor,
islandssafn@landsbokasafn.is
Tel: 525-5630
- The **manuscript** collection is on the **1st floor** and may only be used on the premises,
handrit@landsbokasafn.is
Tel: 525-5678
- The **Women's History Archives** is on the **1st floor** and may only be used on the premises,
kvennasogusafn@landsbokasafn.is,
kvennasogusafn.is
Tel: 525-5779
- **E-Resources** are available on the library's website in either national or university access.

Library Cards

All permanent residents of Iceland, 18 years or older, with an Icelandic national identity number are eligible for borrowing privileges. When applying for a library card it is necessary to show an Icelandic ID-card with a photograph. The library card is free of charge for students and staff at the University of Iceland but the annual fee is kr. 1800 for others.

Circulation

The library's circulation system is automated. Most items may be borrowed for four weeks, but some are not available for loan, e.g. journals, reference works and students theses. Fines are charged for late returns. The borrower is responsible for all items which he/she has on loan from the library. Please respect the loan period.

Tel: 525-5681, utlan@landsbokasafn.is

Reference Services

The reference service is at the Service desk on the **2nd floor**.

Tel: 525-5685, upplys@landsbokasafn.is

Working Facilities

The library offers a variety of working facilities including group study rooms, closed carrels, desks with personal computers, individual desks and larger tables for groups. There are, all together, approximately 700 seats on the library's four floors.

Photocopying

Copy machines for the use of library guests can be found on all floors of the building. These are card operated self-service machines – cards can be purchased at the service desk on the **2nd floor**.

Computers

There are PCs with access to leitir.is (library portal) for the use of guests on all floors of the library. It is possible to access the Internet on two computers on the **2nd floor**, access to E-journals is available on computers on the **3rd floor** and Office 2013 programs are available on computers on the **4th floor**.

Computers for university students are situated on the 3rd and 4th floors and those who have access to the University net can print out their work on central printers.

Wireless Internet access is available in all study areas in the library, for university students (eduroam) and the public alike (LBS-HBS Hotspot).

Study facilities for groups

Group study rooms are available in the library, one on the **3rd floor** and three on the **4th floor**. These rooms accommodate groups of up to ten people. It is possible to reserve a group study room by the booking system on the library's website [bokanir.landsbokasafn.is].

Closed Carrels

There are 26 closed carrels on the **3rd and 4th floors** of the library intended for students at the post-graduate level and scholars who need to use the library's resources in their research. Electronic request-forms for the use of these rooms are on the library's website.

Storage Lockers

There are 150 lockers for library guests to store their work materials for a longer or shorter period. Keys are available for library card-holders at the circulation desk on the **2nd floor**. Library materials must not be stored in these lockers unless they have been checked out to the user.