

Library cards

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You can choose between two different library cards - a national or a local card.

Choose one of these cards depending on your needs:

- **Library card for Stavanger Library**

This card is accepted at Stavanger Library at Sølvsberget, the branch at Madla as well as at outreach services.

- **LÅNEKORTET ? the key to Norwegian libraries**

This is a national card that will gradually be accepted at most Norwegian libraries. It can only be issued to ~~individuals~~ individuals, not to schools or institutions. Visit [this page](#)

You must display valid ID to get either card.

Two cards, many questions

We've developed a basic FAQ. If this doesn't solve your problem, you are free to contact the library.

- *What is the difference between the two cards?*
 - » One is accepted only at the departments of Stavanger Library whereas the other may be used at most libraries across the country.
- *Why can't everyone just get a national card?*
 - » When you apply for the national library card, you have to give your national id number. This is not required to get the local card. Thereby, those who do not wish to state their national id number, can choose to be registered as a member of Stavanger Library only.
- *Why do I have to give my national id number to get the national card but not the one for Sølvsberget?*
 - » Because there is a higher risk of confusing members (because they have the same name or date of birth) when the membership covers all of Norway.
- *Do I need two cards?*
 - » No. If you have the national card, Stavanger Library is one of the locations where you can use it.
- *Is there an updated index of all the libraries that accept the national card?*
 - » Yes. ~~On this page~~ you will find an index of sites where your card is accepted.
- *Can I return items in another library than the one I borrowed them from?*
 - » Yes, in Stavanger you can return items that belong to other libraries. This will vary from place to place so you are advised to check with the library where you want to return items.
- *Do the same rules apply in all the libraries?*
 - » No. Each library has its own rules. Therefore you need to get familiar with the rules that apply where you borrow something, even if you have the national card. The various libraries also have different fine rates. The loan rules and fine rates for Stavanger Library can be found at pages 6 and 7 of this leaflet.

- *Is there an age limit for getting a library card?*

- » No, everyone is entitled to a library card. If you are under 15, you need permission from a parent or guardian. This applies whether you want the national or the local library card. In the back of this leaflet you will find the form for parents? permission.