

Share your books with your colleagues

The “Open Bookshelf at Fassberg” project is a joint effort of the Otto Hahn Library and the PhD Community. The project is based on the book-sharing concept and the goal is to have an institute-wide collection of freely available non-scientific books in many languages.

The goal is to have books in many languages because the international presence at the institute is strong and many Germans are multilingual. Having a pool of books in different languages provides a great opportunity to keep up your language skills, learn, and have fun at the same time.

People at the institute already have their own sources for the literature specific to their fields, like journals and textbooks. But we do not have a source of non-scientific books on campus yet. That is why the project focuses on creating and keeping a collection of literature and general-interest books. Comics, magazines, and popular science are also welcome on the Open Bookshelf. Basically, anything you might read for fun would be worth sharing with your colleagues.

Here is how it works: The Open Bookshelf will be located at the Otto Hahn Library. Take the book you would like to read from the Open Bookshelf, read it and return it when you are done. There will be no forms to fill out and no deadlines to remember. If you want to keep a book for yourself, you are welcome to do so. In return, you are asked to bring another book back. The basic concept of book-sharing is to keep your favorite books, to share those which you have read and, ultimately, to find a loving home for every book.

The project is set to start on September 26, 2011. All members of the institute are invited to visit the library. It will ultimately be up to the users to keep a rich and interesting selection of texts. New donations are greatly appreciated as well. If you are a foreigner moving away from Göttingen or someone you know is, the Open Bookshelf is the perfect place to donate books in any language and share them with your colleagues.

Donations to the Open Bookshelf are always welcome, especially at this initial stage!

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Das „Open Bookshelf“ (deutsch etwa: „offenes Bücherregal“) ist ein gemeinsames Projekt der Doktorandeninitiative und der Otto-Hahn-Bibliothek. Neben dem großen Bestand an wissenschaftlicher Literatur wollen die Initiatoren so ein Repertoire an nichtwissenschaftlichen Büchern aufbauen, das den Institutsmitgliedern zugutekommt. Es funktioniert wie eine Buch-Tauschbörse: Wer ein Buch sieht, das ihm gefällt, nimmt es mit und bringt es nach der

Lektüre wieder zurück – ohne Formalitäten. Will man ein Buch behalten, bringt man als Gegenleistung ein anderes Buch aus dem eigenen Fundus in die Bibliothek. So soll ein möglichst vielfältiges Sortiment an Büchern entstehen, aus dem sich alle Institutsmitglieder bedienen können. Ab dem 26. September 2011 wird das „Open Bookshelf“ in der Otto-Hahn-Bibliothek zugänglich sein.

Buchspenden in allen Sprachen sind herzlich willkommen!