



Public Libraries

GETTING STARTED

Libraries are free to use once you have registered your CPR card and chosen a pin number. You can then access all the books on the library system and order them to be delivered for collection at your local library. There is a relatively good selection of English books citywide. You can read newspapers and magazine in the library and back issues are available to borrow. There is also free internet access in libraries. I recall a story about a homeless man in Århus who wrote a whole book in his local library that was later published and helped him get off the streets.

Most libraries now offer is out of hours access using your CPR card and your registered library pincode. You can use all the facilities such as wifi and printers when the library is unmanned.

OTHER SERVICES

Many have a **Borgerservice** desk in them — this is where an advisor from the Kommune will be located and offers various Kommune services. They can also offer advice on NemID and Digital Post. A good starting point for questions about municipal things.

There is also **Lektie Cafe** which is a time when volunteer organisations such as the Red Cross, youth organisations and Dansk Flygtninge Hjælp (Danish Refugee Help) are available to give advice.

There are also sessions to help with **job searching and CV writing**.

There is also free wifi in the libraries and usually paid access to printers and photocopiers.

FOR CHILDREN

In most libraries there is a children's play area which varies in size but the ones in Ørestad, Frederiksberg and the main library in the city centre are particularly good. There are also



programmes of activities for children of varying ages (usually in Danish) — ask in your local library or check out their websites.

ACTIVITIES

On the fun side of life, libraries organise tons of events and workshops for both kids and adults. Most of these will be in Danish but there is **the Culture Network** that offers things for non Danish speakers. There are **specific clubs** run through the libraries for a multitude of interests again both for adults and children including **International Snakkeklub** for both Danes and non Danes. Finally if you have a baby and are at home there is the **Barselcafe** where they run first aid courses, baby music and health visitors come to some libraries at a set time to give advice. There are links to the three main library networks below for up to date information.

MORE INFORMATION

[Copenhagen Libraries \(Danish home page\)](#)

[Copenhagen Libraries \(English home page\)](#)

[Frederiksberg Libraries \(Danish home page\)](#)

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[Gentofte Libraries \(Danish home page\)](#)

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