

## **OPENING HOURS**

Tuesday to Friday 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
14.00 p.m. - 19.00 p.m.

Saturday 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

## **ADDRESS and PHONE**

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Portalegre's Public Library subscribes the UNESCO Manifesto for Public Libraries (Education, Culture, Information and Leisure).

In the building of the ancient St. Claire's Monastery (13th Century), the library is an attractive place to visit and quite different from old fashion libraries.

### BUILDING RESOURCES AND AREAS

#### \* ATRIUM - RECEPTION

At the reception, users can borrow and renew their books and ask for all kinds of information. Sound and Video Recordings are on loan at the Audio and Video area (First floor).

#### \* AUDITORIUM (1 and 2)

There should be more things going on in libraries than just lending books. A series of events is organised by the public library service for both adult and children users, such as story telling, sessions, poetry readings, lectures, concerts, workshops, and seminars. For more information see our "Event News"

#### \* CHILDREN AREA

Children, both junior and senior are often users of public libraries, which provide with imagination different services in according to their ages.

## READING AREAS

Portalegre's public library exists to provide a variety of services in order to satisfy the demands of users (for example: users can browse, study, visit an exhibition or a display, request photocopies, and even send their e-mails in the "Net Corner" - 1st. floor.

The reading areas are divided in different rooms, in which materials on the shelves are ready and available for use. In addition of finding documents on specific subjects, and by specific authors, users can ask assistance, and find an acceptable selection of recently published material (authors of success, Nobel prizes...):

#### \* *MAIN READING ROOM:*

Where users find periodicals (Newspapers and magazines), fiction and non-fiction books, comics...

#### \* *REFERENCE ROOM:*

Where the reference query takes place, when a library user asks a member of the library staff for information or for assistance. We can find here dictionaries, encyclopaedias, atlas...

#### \* *AUDIO AND VIDEO AREA:*

Books are the most commonly found material in libraries. However, for those who live in the information age, all kinds of documents are included for information retrieval, such as sound recordings (CD's, Tapes), Video recordings, either for loan or for reference.

## LIBRARY USER CARD

A Library user is, quite simply, a member of the community, who studies, works or lives in Portalegre. It is not necessary to be a member of the library to be a library user. If you want to be a member of the library you must fill in the inscription file.