

Conservation information for loan requests to the Austrian National Library

General information

Submit your loan request to the Austrian National Library in good time (six months before the start of your exhibition)

Facilities report

Display period for light-sensitive objects: max. 3 months

For books, state which pages will be open

Our frames for loan: made by Halbe (Conservo or Protect magnetic frames)

Hanging of frames by the borrower

Frame dimensions for hanging: from 30 x 40 cm

Subject to any special conditions for exhibiting imposed by the lender

Climatic conditions for protecting loans

Climatic conditions must be fundamentally stable (less than +/- 5% within 24 hours)

Temperature: 18 – 25°C

Relative air humidity: 45 – 55%

Light level: max. 50 lx for light-sensitive objects

No direct daylight

Outside exhibition opening hours: objects must not be illuminated

Construction of display cases

Mechanically and chemically stable and lockable (= safety requirements)

Safety glass (ESG, LSG) + UV protection

Display cases made of emission-free materials

Passive acclimatisation: difference in relative humidity between the room and the display case: no more than 10%

Displaying books in display cases

Displayed in a chemically and mechanically stable environment

Preferably horizontal presentation of books

Opening angle, depending on the book: max. 120°

Book cradles must be stable and emission-free

Book cradles can be made by the Austrian National Library or the lender based on mutual agreement.