



The Library is open for Research and Research-Related Events. Hours:

Mondays to Thursdays 9 AM to 5 PM

Advance notification is required, please contact:
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Guided tours may be booked as scheduling allows:

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Fees: for a group of up to 10 persons CHF 100,
11 or more CHF 10 per person

For tours after 5 PM or Fridays to Sundays
the fee is doubled

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Non-guided visits of library and current exhibition
(no booking required):

Wednesdays, 2 to 4 PM. Fee: CHF 5

Friends' Association of the Werner Oechslin Library

The Friends' Association serves the support of the library and the Foundation. It finances the publication of the Foundation's bulletin *SCHOLION*.

Become a member of the Friends' Association, support the work of the Foundation and enjoy the benefits of a membership:

- Invitation to all events as a guest auditor
- Invitation to all private viewings of the exhibitions at the library
- Participation in the annual general meeting where Werner Oechslin presents library highlights, and participation in guided excursions
- Subscription to the bulletin *SCHOLION*
- 30 % discount on all publications of the Foundation
- 10 % discount on guided tours of the library

Annual membership fees:

Single CHF 100 / EUR 70

Student CHF 50 / EUR 35

Couples CHF 150 / EUR 75

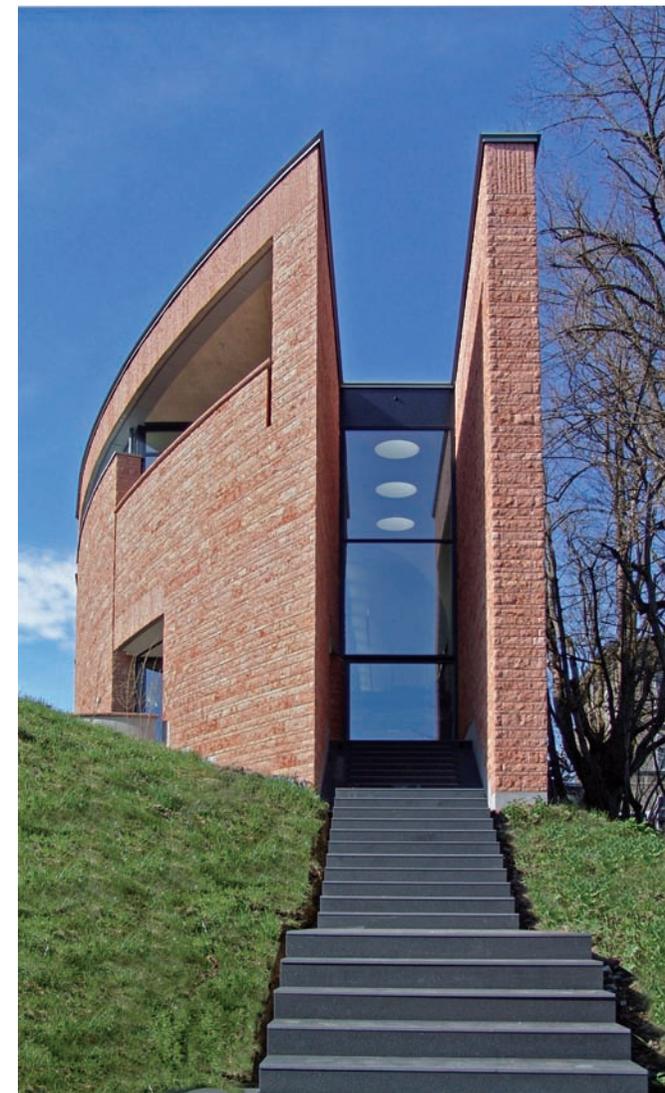
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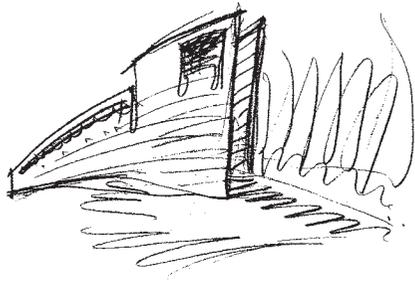
As a patron you can further support us by contributing to our book acquisition fund. As a renowned research library we are obliged to complement our holdings regularly and keep our collection up-to-date through the acquisition of new publications.



Rotunda in lower level

Werner Oechslin Library Foundation Einsiedeln





First sketch by the architect Mario Botta

The Library

The library of the art and architectural historian Werner Oechslin consists of about 50 000 books dating back over six centuries. The emphasis is on primary sources about architecture and architectural theory. Other important subjects related to architecture, such as philosophy, mathematics, art, archeology and history, are also well represented. It is conceived as a research library which reveals contexts in culture and the humanities. Thus it belongs to the tradition of those libraries which – through the presentation and placement of the books (in the sense of Kant’s ‘architectonic’ as an ‘art of the systems’) – represent a form of knowledge. The individual and the whole, the meaningful and the unusual all play equally important roles. The Foundation was established in 1998. Built according to plans drawn up by Mario Botta and Werner Oechslin’s ideas, the library was inaugurated in 2006 and since then has been open to researchers. According to the Foundation’s mission to make significant contributions to international research, conferences, symposia and colloquia are organized on a regular basis. The Foundation’s scholarly staff regularly cooperates closely with universities, particularly with the ETH Zurich which provides basic services and guarantees the library’s ties with research and teaching in its Department of Architecture.



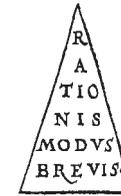
Reading room

Conferences/Symposia

Since 2000, annual International Baroque Summer Courses are held each June; these deal with varying topics like Baroque and Gothic, Baroque and Modernity, Baroque and Systems of Knowledge. In Architectural Conversations important topics are discussed among scientists and practitioners. Conferences and symposia with internationally renowned researchers from major institutions and young academics in attendance are part of the Foundation’s regular program.

Research / Publications

Various research projects are a further focus of the library. The Foundation publishes the results of its research and the files of conferences and of the Baroque Summer Courses. Together with the Friends’ Association it publishes the annual bulletin *SCHOLION*.



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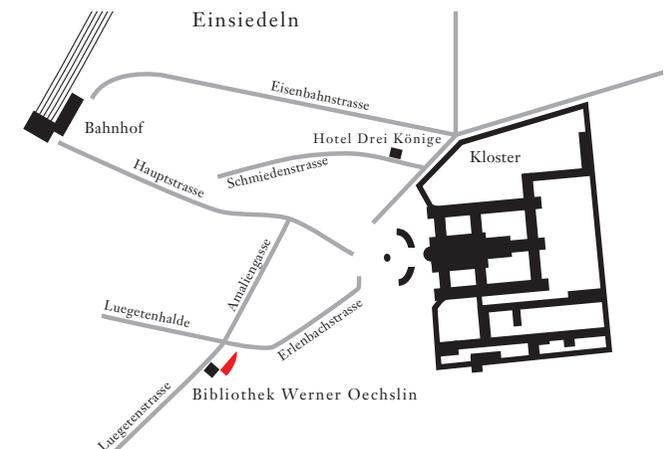
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