

The municipal archives of Worms

What the archives does

- As the 'memory of the city', the archives collects, classifies, catalogues, and preserves the written and photographic records of Worms and its formerly independent suburbs. This includes records and files from the city administration, personal papers of important figures, and various organisations and companies.
- It makes the archival material accessible to the public.
- It evaluates the archival material scientifically, explores and documents the city's history and informs the public by organising exhibitions, guided tours, lectures and publications (including the journal "Der Wormsgau").
- It advises and assists users (e.g. researchers of local history, genealogists, scholars, students, journalists) and responds to various requests, closely cooperating with cultural and educational institutions.
- It is responsible for the Jewish Museum located in the same building and the adjoining synagogue.

Where to find the archives

Embedded in the former Jewish quarter of Worms and only a ten-minute walk from the train station, the municipal archives has been situated in the Rashi House since 1982. In close vicinity to the synagogue, the Rashi House was built on the foundations of the former dance and wedding hall of the Jewish community as a cultural centre in Worms. It also houses the city's Jewish Museum, which is devoted to the contributions of the Jewish community to the city's history. The administration of the archives as well as the reading room are located on the first floor, while records, maps, certificates, and other archival documents are stored on the second floor. The photography department is on the third floor.

How to use the archives

The archives is open to anyone who is interested in using it. Appointments are not required but recommended for complex research and to save time. Using the archives is free of charge, but there may be a fee for the rendition of services. A reference library specialised in regional history is available for on-the-spot usage, as well as a copying machine, a microfilm reader and two workstations for database research (using the programme 'AUGIAS-Archiv').

Staff members are entrusted with the task to provide users with access to the records and make copies on demand. Do not hesitate to get in touch with them to make an appointment, order documents in advance or make any other request. When sending an inquiry, please make sure to include your name and your address. Try to provide as much information as possible, as this will make research easier. The staff will be more than happy to assist and help you when dealing with the archival documents.

Before making an inquiry, you can also search the collections held by the municipal archives yourself by using the online catalogue: http://www.stadtarchiv-worms.findbuch.net/php/main.php?ar_id=3709

Information

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