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## **Short Report**



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## City library "Jakobikirche" Mühlhausen

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### Welcome!

The St. Jacob's Church was first mentioned in a document in 1296. It was built in the Gothic style as a branch of the parish church of St. Mary between about 1280 and 1363. The motif of the unequal pair is taken up in the impressive tower group completed in 1418. During archaeological investigations, three predecessor buildings of the present church were proven and still today they are visible through archaeological windows in the renovated church building. Already with the Reformation, St. Jakobi gradually lost its importance and was used only sporadically, but remained the center of its congregation. In 1559 the building burned out as a result of a lightning strike, and in 1592 part of the vaults and pillars collapsed. More extensive restoration and reconstruction work took place in 1596/97 and from 1732 to 1735. In the early 19th century, the Jacobi parish was finally absorbed into the Mariengemeinde and the church was officially closed in 1831. Due to its townscape-defining appearance, it escaped demolition.

Since the 1930s, the gradual and finally rapid decay of the church began due to a lack of structural maintenance. The professional comprehensive renovation of the church took place with interruptions between 1992 and 2002, after which the installation of the city library was completed by 2004.

# **TEST RESULT**

for

# Stadtbibliothek "Jakobikirche" Mühlhausen

99974 Mühlhausen, Certificate-ID: PA-13565-2023



This offer was classified according to the criteria of the nationwide label

### »Tourism for All«

and, in the period from

### October 2023 – September 2026

is entitled to use the label

### »Accessibility checked«

and the associated pictograms in accordance with the contract.



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### **Overview**

- One of the oldest public libraries in Thuringia in the Jakobikirche, which was renovated and rebuilt in 2004.
- General library, children's library, phonotec as well as scientific and local history reference library with user workstations of the city archive
- Popular venue for lectures, author readings and concerts
- Public parking at Lentzeplatz, bus stop Felchtaer Straße

### Accessibility at a glance

- Parking space for people with disabilities
- Building accessible without steps
- All rooms and facilities that can be used by guests and are raised are accessible without steps, via an elevator or a ramp
- 86 cm minimum width of all raised passages/doors
- WC for people with disabilities
- Assistance dogs welcome

# Information for people with walking difficulties and wheelchair users

All areas relevant for testing meet the quality criteria of the label "**Accessibility certified - partially accessible for people with walking disabilities and wheelchair users**".

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. For detailed information please see the evaluation report.

- There is a parking lot for people with disabilities (distance: 20 m, parking space size: approx. 430 cm x 460 cm).
- The bus stop Flechtaer Straße is 240 m away.
- The path around the church is not easy to walk and drive on and has a maximum longitudinal gradient of 3% over a distance of 50 m.
- Access to the building is possible without steps (thresholds 3–4 cm high).
- All rooms that can be used and elevated for the guest are accessible without steps, by elevator or by ramp.
- The elevator car is 106 cm x 146 cm.
- The ramp in the function room a longitudinal gradient of 9% over 6 m.
- All passageways/doors are at least 86 cm wide.
- In the book lending room, the counter is 107 cm high. There are alternative ways of communication while sitting.
- Guided tours are offered for people with walking disabilities and wheelchair users. Preregistration for the guided tour is required.
- The entire route of the guided tour is step-free for wheelchair users. Mobile or fixed seating is available for people with walking disabilities to use during the tour.

#### Public toilet for people with disabilities (ground floor)

- The manoeuvring spaces are: in front of the washbasin and in front of the WC 173 cm x 138 cm; to the right of the WC 121 cm x 70 cm; there are no manoeuvring spaces to the left of the WC.
- There are grab rails to the left and right of the WC.
- The right grab rail can be flipped up.
- The washbasin is wheelchair compatible to a limited extent.
- The mirror can be viewed while sitting or standing.
- There is a cord as an alarm trigger.

# Information for people with hearing impairments and deaf people

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. For detailed information please see the evaluation report.

- In the event of an audible alarm, no visually perceptible flashing or strobe signal appears.
- There is no audio induction loop.
- An outgoing emergency call in the elevator is not confirmed visually. Alternatively stairs are available.
- There are no guided tours for deaf people.

# Information for visually impaired and blind people

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. For detailed information please see the evaluation report.

- Assistance dogs may be brought along.
- The main entrance is visually contrasting.
- All elevated areas that can be used by guests are well lit, i.e. bright and glare-free.
- An outgoing emergency call in the elevator is confirmed acoustically. The stopping position is not announced by voice.
- Stairs are not designed with visually or tactilely contrasting edges. Handrails are provided (except at the three steps in the event room).
- No Braille or prismatic information is available.
- There are no guided tours for people with visual impairments and blind people.

## Information for guests with cognitive impairments

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. For detailed information please see the evaluation report.

- The name and logo of the operation are clearly visible from the outside.
- The destination of the route is in sight or route signs at a visible distance are present.

• Guided tours are available for people with cognitive impairments. Advance reservations are required.

## Comfort for all generations

We have compiled some **information on accessibility** below. Detailed information can be found in the test report.

- Public parking spaces at Lentzeplatz.
- The Flechtaer Straße bus stop is 240 meters away.
- The path around the church is not easy to walk or drive on and has a maximum longitudinal slope of 3% over a distance of 50 m.
- The name and logo of the municipal library are clearly recognizable from the outside.
- The main entrance is visually contrasting.
- Access to the building is step-free (3-4 cm high thresholds).
- All rooms that can be used and elevated for the guest are accessible without steps, by elevator or via a ramp.
- The elevator car is 106 cm x 146 cm. An outgoing emergency call in the elevator is confirmed acoustically. Alternatively, stairs are available. Stairs are not designed with visually contrasting edges. Handrails are provided (except at the three steps in the event room)....
- Ramp in event space a longitudinal slope of 9% over 6 m.
- All passageways/doors are at least 86 cm wide.
- All raised and usable areas for the guest are well lit, i.e. bright and glare-free.
- There is no inductive hearing system.
- The destination of the trail is within sight or trail signs at a visible distance are provided.
- Guided tours are provided for people with walking disabilities. The entire guided tour route is step-free. Mobile or fixed seating is available for use during the tour. Pre-registration for the tour is required.
- Public restrooms available.

## **Image Gallery**

We have put together some photos from the company / offer for you. You can find more photos in the detailed reports.



Parking ©Peggy Fauß



Main entrance

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Side entrance

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Book lending ©Peggy Fauß



Event room

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# Public toilet on the ground floor

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Children's Library ©Peggy Fauß



Stairs to all floors ©Peggy Fauß



Elevator to all floors ©Peggy Fauß



Library Floor ©Peggy Fauß

### Information on the "Tourism for All" labeling system

**All establishments and locations** certified with the label "Tourism for All" meet the following quality criteria:

- Data and information on accessibility are collected and checked on site by **external**, **specially trained evaluators**. The method is not based on self-assessments.
- Data on accessibility is available **in detail** and can be viewed by the guests.
- At least one staff member has successfully passed a **training** on **"Accessibility as a comfort and quality feature**".

### The labeling - explanation of the logos and pictograms

The label **"Information about Accessibility"** indicates that detailed and verified information on accessibility is available for all groups of people.

The label **"Accessibility certified"** is based on "Information about Accessibility". It means that the quality criteria defined for specific groups of people are met partially or completely.

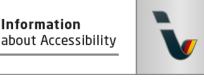
The label **"Accessibility certified"** is available in two requirement levels:

#### "Accessibility certified: partially accessible".

The quality criteria are partially fulfilled for the pictured group of people, i.e. the establishment/location is partially accessible for wheelchair users. The "i" in the pictogram indicates that it is recommended to read again carefully whether the offer meets all (your oder the guest's) individual requirements.

### "Accessibility certified: accessible".

The quality criteria are fulfilled for the pictured group of people, i.e. the establishment/location is accessible for wheelchair users.



Accessibility certified







There are defined quality criteria for **seven groups of people** and a **specific pictogram** for each group.

People with walking disabilities

Wheelchair users

People with hearing impairment

Deaf people

People with visual impairments

Blind people

People with cognitive impairments













