



Why do we want to buy a space?

The Anarchist Library | Archive | Institute for Anarchism Research Vienna exists since May 1, 2010. At the end of March 2019 the rental agreement for our previous address at the Lerchenfelder street 124-126 expired and we had to store our inventory at a suitable place temporarily. Due to real estate speculation our team and the books were replaced by garages. Therefore the library has gone on a travel. We are going to keep you informed about current projects and events through our homepage. At the same time we are in search of new rooms! Since we do not want to be at the mercy of the rapidly increasing rental prices and real estate speculation in Vienna we are aiming for a sustainable and long-term project. We have decided to buy a space for the library and archive, but we need support for that.

What kind of space do we imagine?

We are currently looking intensively for a suitable space. It is important for us to structure the project so that it is protected against misuse (for example, that it cannot be privatized). The library and archive should always be a publicly accessible space, a space that serves the common good and is available to all those who are interested. The library is run by a collective based on voluntary work. All decisions are made together. Anyone can participate, as long as they are open to the idea of preserving in the collective memory the libertarian theory and practice of the past, in order to work on libertarian utopias for a better world in the future.

- **Structure:** We intend to secure the communality of the ownership structure by making use of an existing non-profit association. The main focus is on protection against (re-) privatization of the space.
- **Size:** The Anarchist Library has grown a lot in recent years - both in terms of books and magazines and in terms of the number of users. Therefore, it needs about 140 m2 of floor space.
- **Location:** The premises should be easily accessible by public transport to reach a wide audience.
- **Moisture:** The premises must of course be dry.
- **Equipment:** The furniture and interior of the current premises were all built or purchased. This means that we can take them to the new premises, eliminating much of the cost of the interior design.
- In order not to increase the costs, any **renovation work** will be done as much as possible on your own initiative.

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What do we need space for?

More than ever, our society needs spaces in which critical and free thinking can find place. We are the only anarchist library and associated archive in Austria and represent a place where intellectual freedom also finds its necessary space. In the future, we want to continue to work on the following projects and make them accessible and tangible for all:



How do we want to finance the space?

We are convinced that we can implement this project if people who find this project important are willing to give a share. It is still a utopia, but together we can find the room for the Anarchist Library | Archive | Institute for Anarchism Research Vienna and make it reality.

- **Library and archive inventory:** The library's collection of journals (about 850) and books (more than 2500) on libertarian history and the theory of libertarian movements is unique in Austria. It is also one of the better-established anarchist libraries in Europe.
- **Digitization project:** Historical journals, brochures and books are converted to electronic format using the infrastructure which is available in the library. The digital copies will be sent free of charge on request or can also be accessed on the internet.
- **Research:** The Institute of Anarchism Research explores the history(s) of anarchist movements and deals with theories of anarchism as well as general questions from an anarchist perspective. It is about making visible different anarchist currents, distinctive events and biographies. The aim is not only to remember anarchist history but also to sharpen our view of the present.
- **Exhibitions:** The space also hosts temporary exhibitions, which are open to the public and free of charge. In the past there have been two exhibitions on the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), one on the Mujeres Libres group and one on B. Traven.
- **Digital City Map:** An anarchistic city map for Vienna and Graz is in the making. Its aim is to make it possible to remember and experience important parts of libertarian history and thus an important part of the history of Vienna and Graz.
- **International Cooperation:** The Library is part of the International Federation of Libertarian Research and Documentation Centres (FICEDL), additionally there are numerous co-operations with libraries, archives and speakers from various countries.
- In addition to books and magazines with a specifically anarchist orientation you will also find printed materials of other **emancipatory**

movements, such feminism, ecology or progressive art.

- The Anarchist Library | Archive | The Institute for Anarchism Research is a **meeting place** for anyone who looks beyond the ideological horizon and is interested in libertarian and alternative ideas in their diversity.
- In addition to the library, there are numerous **information materials** on emancipatory events and projects.
- The Anarchist Library | Archive | Institute for Anarchism Research is an **independent venue** that is neither profit-oriented nor instrumentalized. This gives the necessary independence for events with 'uncomfortable' content and for discussions in which one must not mince words.
- Ways of life based on **solidarity** are not only found in our books, but also lived in practice in the library. One example is the collective

preparation of food and drinks which are made available on a donation basis at events. At the same time, the people who visit the library and the archive form a network in which one helps and supports one another.

- There are no boss and no employees. The library is run on a voluntary basis, decisions are made on a grassroots basis. The library is thus also an example of how **structures without hierarchies** and economic incentives can be organized.

Buying a suitable space is a big, but also unique project - not only in Austria. The benefit would be to secure a space of education and networking also for future anarchists. The challenge is the one-time collection of a fairly large sum: Due to a generous donation we only need 80.000 € more in order to buy an appropriate object. As we want to buy this object within a year, we are thankful to receive every donation. There is also the possibility to support this library project through a direct credit. After the purchase, the library should be largely self-supporting, with the running operating costs financed by membership fees. We want the project to be collectively sustainable through membership and donations and not dependent on a single individual, government or private organization.

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