

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)
- Picture mounting 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
- 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 air 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
- Opening angle, depending on the book: max. 120°
- Book cradles must be stable and emission-free
- The design of book supports is to be decided on by mutual agreement with the lender