

Distribution of the map holdings

as of 10 May 2007 (Dr. Markus Heinz, map department)

- Old maps published until 1939 shelved entirely in 'Haus Unter den Linden'
- Modern maps published after 1939 shelved in both locations, mainly 'Haus Potsdamer Straße'
- Cartographic literature distributed over both locations according to their date of publication (before / after 1939)

Detailed overview of the distribution:

	Unter den Linden	Potsdamer Straße	Changes during the last years
Maps:			
Maps and atlases, produced before 1939	ca. 400,000 sheets	approximately 0 sheets	collections merged in UdL
Facsimiles of maps and atlases, produced before 1939	approximately 100%	15 Berlin related facsimiles in the reading room	collections merged in UdL
Map series produced before and after 1939/40	ca. 50 series	ca. 50 series	no changes
Maps and atlases produced after 1940	ca. 150,000 sheets	ca. 500,000 sheets	no changes
Globes from all times	ca. 60	ca. 150	no changes
Other item types:			
Views from all times (volumes and single sheets)	ca. 150,000 sheets	approximately 0 sheets	collections merged in UdL
Literature on maps and cartography	ca. 10,000 volumes	ca. 10,000 volumes	sorted according to the date of publication (1939/1940)
Gazetteers from all times	40%	60%	sorted according to the date of publication (1939/1940)
General works on geography, country description and astronomy are distributed according to their date of publication before / after ca. 1800	ca. 45,000 volumes (Ges. f. Erdkunde)	ca. 500 volumes	Sorted according to the date of publication (before / after 1800) (low priority)
Tourist guides from all times	ca. 5,000 volumes	ca. 3,500 volumes	No changes

There are certain shelfmarks which indicate the location of the items:

- 1) All materials whose shelfmark has a capital letter between ‚Kart.‘ and the number can be found at the location Unter den Linden.
e.g.: 2°Kart. **A** 234
8°Kart. **U** 234
Kart. **N** 760
- 2) All materials whose shelfmark contains the element ‚Kart. BA‘, can be found at the location Haus Unter den Linden.
e.g.: 2°Kart. **BA** 110
Kart. **BA** 700
- 3) Items from the Preußische Staatsbibliothek with the special location ‘map department’ (until 1945; shelfmarks with two letters) can be found at the location Unter den Linden.
e. g.: Kart LS HM **Pr** 9455
- 4) All materials whose shelfmarks contain the element ‘**PGLA**’ have remained at the location Haus Potsdamer Straße.
- 5) In all other cases the shelfmark does not indicate the location. The date of publication is relevant.

In most but not yet all cases the library’s catalogues indicate the location. Therefore it is recommended to contact the information desk in the map reading room, Potsdamer Straße: (266-435512). This is especially important for all map series which started sometime between 1870 and 1939!

- 6) The location information in the **Database of old maps** (IKAR-Datenbank) has not yet been updated. However, nearly all holdings of the SBB listed in this special database can be found at the location Haus Unter den Linden.