

**Research forum and fund of ideas**

The Iron Library, a foundation of Georg Fischer Ltd. in Schaffhausen, is an international forum for research in technological history. The library's collection is of particular distinction among scientific and technical libraries around the world.

**An idea initiated by patrons and managers**

In December 1948, the Iron Library was established as a foundation. The executive management at Georg Fischer Ltd. considered it a duty to preserve the early, widely scattered literature in their own field of industrial activities and to buy current works, thus serving as a contribution from the industry to research.

**«Paradies» – a long tradition of hospitality**

The former Clarissan convent called «Paradies» near Schaffhausen was chosen to house the extraordinary collection of books. On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Georg Fischer Ltd. in 1952, the buildings of the convent were restored. The Iron Library opens its doors now where the Clarissan nuns once received their guests.

**From bestsellers and classics**

The primary works of European literature on iron can be found in the library. Books which deal with the material of iron and also related fields of knowledge from many countries and in numerous languages are on hand here. The Iron Library continuously procures current and historic works.

Visitors to our library can find monographs on iron extraction and processing, archaeology, technological and transportation history, architecture, art history and wrought ironworks, economic and social history, mechanical engineering and bridge construction, military arts and war technology, structural and civil engineering, shipbuilding, geoscience, physics, chemistry, mining and mining law, mineralogy, metallurgy, metallography and materials testing.

In addition, the first editions of the major encyclopaedias and dictionaries of the 18th and 19th centuries are available. Approximately 700 different series of journals, the oldest dating from 1794, can be found in our periodicals section. The 2,500 publications from companies in the iron industry recount international economic history.

**Our services at the Iron Library**

Approximately 1,500 guests from all over the world visit us every year. Scientists, students, graduate students, as well as people who are generally interested in this field, have free access to the library. The Iron Library is a reference library; upon advance notice of your visit, you are most welcome to view the works. We offer guided tours for groups through the historical rooms which house the collection.

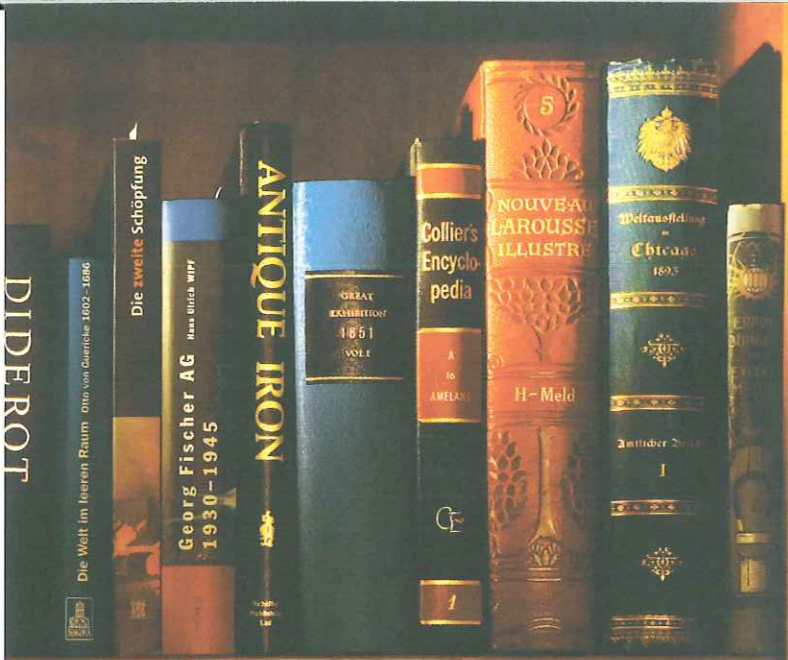
Since 1978, the Iron Library has also fostered research through the annual Conferences on Technological History. The wide range of lectures and their pertinence to current issues are the special feature of these events. Every year approximately 50 guests and speakers from various disciplines, invited personally by Georg Fischer Ltd., make use of this platform for meeting and exchanging views. They represent science and research and are active in business and industry.

**The Iron Library's Web site**

A special service for our international guests is the book and periodicals catalogue of the Iron Library, which can be browsed online at the following address: [www.eisenbibliothek.ch](http://www.eisenbibliothek.ch)

You will find approximately 40,000 books and periodicals which are made available for your use at the Iron Library. With a click you can browse our database, select and reserve literature for your planned visit to work in our reference library.

You can inform us of your intended visit to the Iron Library either via Internet or by telephone.



Visit the Iron Library in the Paradies Estate – either to make use of the library for research or to attend a guided tour through the historical rooms. We look forward to seeing you!

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Please notify us of your intended visit to the Iron Library. We will do our best to accommodate your plans for a visit from Monday through Friday.

Conferences and seminars in a surrounding like paradise – the «Paradies» corporate training center is also available for your use:  
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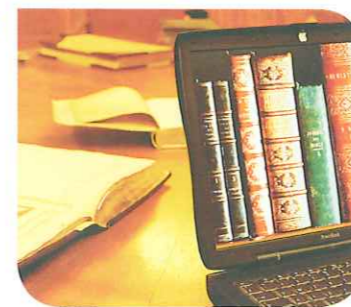
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«I have always imagined paradise to be something like a library.»  
 Jorge Luis Borges



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