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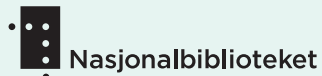
If the library doesn't have what you are looking for in your language, you can ask the staff if they can request it from the Det flerspråklige bibliotek (The Multilingual Library) (DFB). This is free of charge.

At [bibliotekutvikling.no/dfb](http://bibliotekutvikling.no/dfb) you can see what's available. If you have a national library card you may have the option to request loans here yourself. Ask your library if this applies to you.

DFB has books in the following languages:  
Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Badini Kurdish, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Dari, English, Estonian, French, Hausa, Hindi, Icelandic, Yoruba, Chinese, Croatian, Kurmanji Kurdish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Dutch, Oromo, Punjabi, Pashto, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Rumanian, Russian, Serbian, Shona, Somali, Sorani Kurdish, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Tigrinja, Czech, Chechen, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Urdu, Vietnamese.

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