UK Libraries Plus

Borrowing facilities for Part-time, Distance Learning and Placement Students.

Durham University Library has joined the initial trial of the UK Libraries Plus scheme.

UK Libraries Plus is an exciting new initiative by over 50 universities and colleges across the country to provide reciprocal library access. The scheme will enable part-time, distance, and placement students to borrow from participating libraries close to where they live and work and all students year-round access for reference only. The trial scheme will initially last until the end of the academic year when it will be reviewed and extended on a more permanent basis.

For further details of the UK Libraries Plus scheme and how it could assist you in your studies, please turn to our feature in the centre pages.

Rare Book Project Completed

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Library News

Don’t call us...!

We would like to remind all Library users that mobile phones should be switched off upon entering the Library. This is to prevent other users from being disturbed by either conversation or ringing phones. Please note that this rule affects the entire library building including the stairwells, where noise echoes and is amplified, and Level 2 also. If you wish to use your mobile phone, please be considerate and do so outside the building.

Bring it all back.

If you are a final year undergraduate, you must ensure you have returned all Library books and paid any outstanding Library debts before 23rd June or you will not be able to register for your degree. Research, PGCE, and Academic Staff should note that all loaned items will be recalled on 30th May. Either return these items or have them renewed for the summer vacation. After renewal, the new due date will be 31st October. If you have any queries, please contact: Main.Counter@Durham.ac.uk

Chinese Cataloguing Project

The Research Support Libraries Programme (RSLP) has recently made a substantial award to Durham University Library and five other major British university libraries to construct a union catalogue of Chinese research materials in the UK, and to promote this initiative by a programme of retrospective catalogue conversion. In Durham, Ms Hua Zhu has been appointed as the project officer and started working on the retrospective catalogue conversion on 1 March 2000. The project work is expected to run for eighteen months in all and as a result most Durham catalogue records for Chinese language materials will have entries in Chinese characters as well as in romanized form. For further queries about this project, please contact the project supervisor Mamtimyn Sunuodula or the project officer Hua Zhu on extension number 3021.

Mamtimyn Sunuodula
Chinese Cataloguing Project Supervisor

Electronic Reserves Project

This project began in June 1999 with the aim of improving the availability of reading list materials to students, by supplementing existing library material with electronic versions. Two modules from the Department of Human Sciences were used in the initial trial phase. Reading lists were obtained for the modules and copyright permission was sought for each of the items with a moderately high success rate. Once permission was obtained, the articles were scanned into pdf format and placed on the library server. Access to the items was via a piece of proprietary software (ERes) which allowed for password control, a requirement made by the publishers concerned. The system went live in October/November 1999, providing reading list materials in an electronic format for students on the involved courses.

With the end of semester one and the conclusion of the two modules, an extensive evaluation has been undertaken. This evaluation draws on the opinions of students, lecturers and library staff regarding both the current system and how the service should be improved and expanded in future. The results of this evaluation will most likely be put into effect with the next phase of the project, which has expanded to include a module from the Sociology Department. The revised and expanded service is expected to be ready for the start of the next academic year in September.

Any comments or queries about this article or the electronic reserve project should be addressed to the Electronic Reserves Project Officer at; m.c.turner@durham.ac.uk

Margaret Turner
Electronic Reserves Project Officer
Information on Europe

These days, most academic disciplines – and a lot of our daily lives – call for some understanding of the European Union at some stage or other. In Durham the European Documentation Centre (EDC) is well-placed to provide such information, with runs of EU documentation going back to before the time when the UK joined the “Common Market” as it was known then, and stacks of free information on a range of key topics.

But increasingly, a range of detailed EU information is available on the internet, which you can access without coming into the library. Staff from the EDC have drawn together the most useful of these information sources, and this is available at: http://www.dur.ac.uk/Library/inf/eurolink.html.

Some – but not all - of the sources listed here are official EU sources, carrying many official EU texts; and some less official: very few of them are without bias! Here are our “top five”:

**Europa**
http://europa.eu.int/index-en.htm – the official website of the European Union, with links to all its Institutions and Offices.

**The European Commission**
http://europa.eu.int/comm/index.htm – information on all the key areas of EU activity.

**Eur-Lex**

**European Access Plus**
http://www.europeanaccess.co.uk/ - a simple bibliographic database based on the popular print journal, which is held in the EDC.

**Eurotext**
http://eurotext.ulst.ac.uk:8017/ - a collection of EU texts and references based on academic taught courses on Europe.

Finally, not all the best EU resources are on the web: no serious Eurobuff can afford to miss **European Voice** – the weekly newspaper on Europe. Enjoy!

The European Documentation Centre.

1 The EDC is located on Level 2 of the Main Library – you can contact it on ext 3041, and its website is at: http://www.dur.ac.uk/Library/edc/edc.html

2 Complete backsets of the OJ are available within the EDC, and on the CD-ROM service OJCD.

Electronic Services

**The End Of BIDS ISI**
The **BIDS ISI** service came to an end on 31 March 2000. Though the database remains accessible to members of Durham University until 31 July, there will be no updates after the end of March.

Users are instead recommended to use the **Web Of Science** service, featured last issue. The name is misleading in that it includes the same data as the **BIDS ISI** service; the **Science Citation Index**, **Social Sciences Citation Index**, and **Arts & Humanities Citation Index**. As with BIDS ISI, access is controlled by Athens accounts. You can connect to Web of Science at: http://wos.mimas.ac.uk

Users of the separate **BIDS IBSS** service will be unaffected by the closure of **BIDS ISI**.

**New Online Services**
Several new online services are now available to Durham Users. At the end of last year, the library vastly increased its range of electronic journals by subscribing to Elsevier ScienceDirect. This service provides the full text of recent volumes of more than 1,000 Elsevier Science journals in the life, physical, medical, technical, and social sciences.

New reference sources include **Grove’s Dictionary of Art** and **Dictionary of Opera**. Both titles offer fully comprehensive coverage of the subject areas with the benefits of online access.

**KnowUK** provides key information about people, institutions and organisations of the United Kingdom. **KnowEurope** achieves the same for the EU and the wider European community also.

Further details of all new services can be found at: http://www.dur.ac.uk/Library/news.html
Introduction.

With the continued growth of part-time and distance learning courses in the UK, reciprocal borrowing access has become very much an issue. There is a clear need for library access for these students who study at a distance from their home institution.

Although some regional schemes presently exist, UK Libraries Plus represents the first attempt to spread reciprocal borrowing nationally.

What is UK Libraries Plus?

UK Libraries Plus is a co-operative venture between higher education libraries. It enables part-time, distance, and placement students to borrow material from other libraries in close proximity to where you live or work. In addition, there is a provision for full-time students and for staff to use other libraries on a reference only basis.

Who can use UK Libraries Plus?

- Registered part-time and distance learning students
  You may join up to 3 libraries as a borrower. You must be registered on a course (or research programme) leading to a University award running for a minimum of one year. This is also open to full time students on a placement of ten weeks or more.

- Staff and full-time students
  may access other libraries on a reference only basis.

Registration

Registration to use the scheme is very straightforward.

You can apply to the Library for a UK Libraries Plus card in person or by post. For your application to be accepted, you must be a registered user of Durham University Library and be in ‘good standing’ (i.e. have no outstanding fines or overdue books).

You are able to join up to three other libraries as a borrower. You will be asked to complete a registration voucher for each institution you wish to use.

Part of the blue registration voucher will be returned to you after being stamped. You must present this to the library you wish to visit along with your Durham University Library card.
They will then exchange your voucher for a library card. Please bear in mind that you may be required to provide a photograph for the issue of a library card.

Full-time students and staff wishing to use another institution’s library for reference purposes should obtain a UK Libraries Plus reference card from the Main Library enquiry desk. This can then be used to gain access to another institution’s stock.

Membership of the scheme expires at the end of the summer term. You are able to renew your membership to allow loans over the summer vacation if you remain in good standing.

What Facilities will I be able to use?

Part time, distance, and placement students may apply to borrow books from the general lending stock but the library you are visiting may restrict the range of materials that can be borrowed (e.g. audio-visual or short loan material).

*UK Libraries Plus* does not normally allow access to institution’s IT and computer facilities.

Can I expect help with finding materials?

If you do need help, you are strongly recommended to seek advice from your home institution first, i.e. Durham. We can give you advice on how to successfully look for the information you require. If you need special help at the library you are visiting, please phone for advice and if necessary, book an appointment.

Using other Libraries?

It is always advisable to check opening hours and facilities before visiting the libraries, particularly at weekends and during vacations.

Students are subject to the normal library rules of the host library, and are responsible for any fines or replacement costs incurred. You card can be withdrawn if you infringe the rules of the library you are visiting.

How do I find out more?

If you want have any questions about the scheme or want further details, please contact the enquiry desk at either Education, Palace Green, Stockton or Main Library. You can also contact Main Library by e-mail:

Main.Counter@Durham.ac.uk

We will be happy to represent any issues and suggestions that you may raise about how the scheme is run on a day to day basis to the organisers. Further information about the UK Libraries Plus scheme can also be found at their homepage:

http://www.lisa.sbu.ac.uk/uklibrariesplus

Which libraries are participating in the scheme?

A list of the participating libraries can be obtained from any Durham University Library enquiry desk, or online from the UK Libraries Plus homepage (*URL above*).

Remember!

You must take your Durham Library card and UK Libraries Plus card with you to visit these libraries.

Future of the Scheme

Although the initial trial ends in the summer, it is hoped that the scheme will be continued in the new academic year.
Rare books go on-line!

A major advance has been achieved in making information about the University Library’s collections of early printed books more readily available. A four-year project which has just been completed has added to the on-line catalogue over 31,000 records for items in the Routh and Bamburgh collections. This material covers a vast range of subjects and includes works dating from the earliest days of printing in the later 15th century down to the early Victorian period.

The Routh collection was the personal Library of Martin Joseph Routh (1755-1854), President of Magdalen College, Oxford. Routh was an avid book-collector throughout his lifetime of nearly a hundred years, and on his death left his collection to Durham University, then a new institution. His chief scholarly interests were patristics (the writings of the church fathers) and the political and religious quarrels which beset 17th century England from the Civil War to the Glorious Revolution, but he collected books on every topic under the sun.

The collection includes a wide range of early travel books, many of them illustrated; some of these relate to areas well off the beaten track, such as Iceland and the Middle East. As might be expected, there are many early editions of classical texts and of the church fathers, as well as biography, autobiography and history. There are also smaller groups of material on subjects such as Law and Medicine. Endearing glimpses of some of Routh’s personal concerns appear in books on the treatment of gout, and the causes of longevity, a topic which clearly intrigued him as he approached his own centenary. Although much of the material was published in Europe there also items from places much further afield, such as New York and Calcutta.

The Bamburgh Library is the collection of the Sharps, a leading northern clerical family of the later 17th and 18th centuries, including John Sharp (1645-1714), Archbishop of York, and Granville Sharp (1735-1813), a notable campaigner against slavery. It numbers just over 8,500 items, and, like the Routh Collection, covers all topics and all periods of printing down to the mid-nineteenth century. The Sharps were a scientifically-minded family, and their library is notably rich in first and early editions of the writings of Sir Isaac Newton, Robert Boyle, Robert Hooke and other leading figures from the period of the foundation of the Royal Society and the birth of modern science in England. The collection also reflects the wide interests of Granville Sharp and his associates in humanitarian and reforming causes of his day. Strong holdings of early periodicals and newspapers are another important feature of the Sharps’ library, including long runs of *The Gentleman’s Magazine*, the Royal Society’s *Philosophical Transactions* and *London Chronicle*.

All this material is a valuable source not just in relation to historical questions, but also for topics such as early science, the view which travellers took of the places they visited, and the social and political issues of the 16th to 19th centuries. It is used regularly by teaching staff and postgraduates, and increasingly by students writing dissertations. The catalogue records can be found in the on-line catalogue by the usual searches (author, title, keyword, etc.). In addition it is possible to search, using the Rare Book indexes, for items in particular forms, such as plays, poems or travel literature, or for items published in particular places. The books are not available for loan, but may be consulted in the Search Room of the Palace Green Section of the Library.

Palace Green Library
The Information Resources Centre at the Stockton Campus has just passed the first anniversary of its opening. Occupying almost all of level 2 of the Ebsworth Building, the IRC houses the Information Services team – Library, ITS and audio-visual staff. The Stockton branch of the Careers Advisory Service shares the premises, which are spacious and bright, and command a good view of the River Tees and the Cleveland Hills.

The IRC is also home to a branch of Waterstone’s Bookshop, and the European Resources Centre for schools and colleges.

New this academic year is the Information Services Helpdesk – a ‘one-stop-shop’ for queries relating to Library, ITS or audio-visual matters. It is staffed from 9-5, Monday – Friday, with opening to 8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Outside of those hours, voice-mail and e-mail queries may be made.

The Helpdesk staff rota includes people from all three strands of Information Services - truly a multiskilled team - and if it happens that a query cannot be answered on the spot, then it will be referred to a colleague. The Helpdesk also works closely in liaison with the ITS Helpdesk in Durham, and uses the same call-logging system.

Situated in a prominent position in the IRC, the Helpdesk is ready to help you.

Ext. 5314, (01642 335314);
e-mail: Stockton.Helpdesk@durham.ac.uk

Christine Purcell
Campus Librarian, UDSC

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**Education Library**

When research theses are completed, copies are automatically deposited in the University Library and its satellite libraries, and quite considerable collections are available for reference and consultation.

Theses supervised within the School of Education are deposited in the Education Library. They are shelved there in Rooms 4 and 6, and are all listed on the OPAC. The OPAC records for the collection can be checked by typing ‘S’ for Subject Headings, then typing the words theses education.

Theses completed in the School of Education this academic year and available for consultation within the Education Library include:

- M. Abdulrahman, *The educational philosophies of teachers in the United Arab Emirates*. (MA)
- M. Cin, *Influence of direct experience of the physical environment on concept learning in physical geography*. (Ed.D)
- M. Kshir, *An evaluation survey of the role of inset in managing educational innovations in Libyan schools*. (Ph.D)
- E. McLaren, *An investigation into students’ self-perceptions of their approaches to study in further education*. (Ph.D)

Further information on these or other School of Education theses can be obtained from the Education Library.

Joyce Adams
Education Librarian
**Contact Details**

The University Library is always pleased to receive feedback and suggestions about the services we offer our users. If you have any comments or issues that you would like to draw to our attention, please address them to:

**Main.Library@durham.ac.uk**

General enquiries about Library services can be sent to:

**Main.Counter@durham.ac.uk**

All comments and suggestions about the content of this Newsletter are, of course, welcome and can be sent to:

**Ex.Libris@durham.ac.uk**

**Library Web Pages**

The Library web pages contain regularly updated information about the services we offer. They also have many links to sources of electronic information available to members of Durham University Library. The pages can be found by pointing your internet browser at:

[http://www.dur.ac.uk/Library/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/Library/)

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**Closed Periods**

All libraries will be closed for Easter 20th - 25th April and for Summer Bank Holiday on 28th August.