

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Information resources in academic departments

In June 2008 the following was emailed to the Library Liaison Officer (LLO) in each academic department, with a reminder towards the end of July:

“At the recent meeting of the Library Users' Committee it was agreed that we should try to find out the extent to which people have access to information resources in addition to those provided by the Library, in order to see the totality of information resources available to staff and students. I should therefore be grateful if you would answer the following (including negative responses) and email me before the end of July, if possible. Please note that we are not interested in resources held or subscribed to by individuals if they are not made available to anyone else.”

Three departments (Design & Technology, English & Drama, Wolfson School) reported that there were no information resources other than those in individuals' offices. There was no reply from 9 departments (see below), which could mean that no resources are held in those departments. Responses from the other 9 departments appear below, followed by the questions asked of LLOs.

Engineering Faculty

Aeronautical & Automotive Engineering

There are a few technical journals in common rooms.

Civil & Building Engineering

Transport Studies Group Subscriptions to 2 journals, *Local transport today* and *Transit*, including electronic access [neither is held in the University Library]. Available to the Group's research staff and students.

WEDC Approx 16,000 items – books, series, conference proceedings, journals, MSc projects and country files. Available to all members of the University but primarily for use by WEDC and Civil staff and students. External visitors by arrangement. The (very few) journal subscriptions will continue for the foreseeable future. Electronic resources: the *Waterlines* full-text journal, which is also held in print form [the University Library does not subscribe to *Waterlines*]. Accessible by all department members, researchers, etc, who are given the password. Expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

Electronic & Electrical Engineering

Most staff have collections of their favourite journals. Some are in research labs, along with varying numbers of textbooks.

Science Faculty

Human Sciences

Textbooks, proceedings and some dissertations. Available to all members of the Department. No journals or electronic resources.

Mathematics

Maths Education Centre Extensive range of undergraduate mathematics and statistics textbooks available for students to consult within the centre. Extensive range of free-standing help leaflets, available in hard copy and electronically. All University staff and students have access to www.mathcentre.ac.uk and www.math tutor.ac.uk and via LEARN to a huge range of engineering maths workbooks (HELM project) covering first, second and some third year topics. No subscriptions to journals or electronic resources.

Social Sciences & Humanities Faculty

Business School

Two large collections of printed resources, open to all staff and students of the School: the Banking Centre Library, and the contents of the Wickes Resource Room. The Banking Centre Library contains annual reports and similar documents, and (mostly non-current) journals. The Wickes Resource Room has numerous items on retailing, in a variety of formats, including some current subscriptions to journals.

Geography

Map collection and a small number of books, available to all; undergraduate dissertations from the past 3 years, available on request.

PIRES

Some copies of journals edited by PIREs staff; foreign language press materials; videos; audio tapes in English and foreign languages. All available to all members of the Department.

School of Sport & Exercise Sciences

Sport & Exercise Psychology Group Textbooks on sport/exercise psychology and research methods; limited number of psychology videos and DVDs; back copies of journals; BSc, MSc and PhD research projects and theses. Available to all members of the Group (staff and PhD students). No current subscriptions to journals or electronic resources. The Group maintains an excel database of relevant articles in the electronic journals to which the University Library subscribes.

No response

Chemical Engineering
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
Information Science
Materials
Physics
School of Art & Design
Social Sciences

The questions asked of LLOs

1. Are printed information resources held in your department?
2. If so, please give brief details of:
 - 2.1 the type of resource(s) - textbooks? journals? conference proceedings? copies of journal articles?
 - 2.2 who can use the resources (all members of the department? a research group?)
 - 2.3 If there are subscriptions to journals, how long do you expect them to continue?
3. Are there any electronic information resources available solely within your department?
4. If so, please give brief details of:
 - 4.1 the type of resource(s) - databases? full-text journals?
 - 4.2 who can use them (all members of the department? a research group?)
 - 4.3 If there are subscriptions to electronic resources, how long do you expect them to continue?

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