



The Library will increase its term-time opening hours by 22 hours per week for the 2009/2010 academic year.

- 28 September – 11 December 2009: 8.30am – midnight (Monday – Friday), 9.00am – midnight (Saturday), 10.00am – midnight (Sunday)
- 11 January – 5 February 2010: 24/7 opening
- 6 February – 26 March 2010: 8.30am – midnight (Monday – Friday), 9.00am – midnight (Saturday), 10.00am – midnight (Sunday)
- 26 April – 2 May 2010: 8.30am – midnight (Monday – Friday), 9.00am – midnight (Saturday), 10.00am – midnight (Sunday)
- 3 May – 18 June 2010: 24/7 opening

Increased access to PCs and laptops

An extra 12 PCs have been made available on Level 3 of the Library. When these are added to the existing 129, it makes the Library one of the top destinations on campus in which to work.

Improvements in the physical space have happened over the summer, with Open3 now having greater use of cluster desks, more tables, around 30 metres of new laptop-friendly benches and better (and increased) seating. 12 more double power sockets have been added to Open3, resulting in increased facilities for those using laptops, and fewer trailing cables!

New University Librarian

In June this year, Ruth Jenkins joined the Library as University Librarian. Ruth previously worked as Head of Academic Services in Information Services at the University of Nottingham. She has also held posts at the universities of Birmingham, Liverpool and Leeds. Her previous posts have given her experience of transforming library spaces and services to meet the changing needs of students and academics. Ruth is involved in national discussions about the development of integrated printed and electronic library collections to support learning and research. She chairs the JISC Collections Library Advisory Working Group and is a member of the Journals Working Group.



Ruth Jenkins

New Library Blog

Previously the Library produced a blog for each Faculty, but these have been amalgamated to a single Library blog. The blog is full of the latest news... database trials, new e-journals, current events, points of interest and job vacancies.

An RSS feed can be set to keep you up to date. It can be found at: <http://blog.lboro.ac.uk/>

Photocopying & printing improvements

From the Autumn 2009 term, staff and students will be able to get all their photocopying and printing done on single, multi-function devices in the Library. Once credit has been purchased, users just need to login to one of the 8 machines in the Library to retrieve printing, or to make their photocopies. This has several advantages:

- Users will no longer have to queue at a printer and look for a cover sheet with their username, which is then discarded.
- There is now no possibility of a user accidentally walking off with another's prints.
- A message appears outlining how much a print will cost, allowing users to cancel printing if too costly.

Changes to Know-how courses

The Library is running 20 know-how courses in Semester 1, including:

- 29th October, 1.00pm: Deciphering your notes
- 19th November, 1.00pm: Excelling in your exams

It is now easier to attend one of these courses, as you do not need to book in advance – just drop in. For information on these and other know-how sessions, go to: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/skills/index.html>

Library awarded funding for sports project

The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council have awarded the University Library a small grant to work with Loughborough elite athletes.

In partnership with the Centre for Olympic Studies and Research, the Library will produce digital recordings of the young sportspeople talking about their sport and what it means to them.

New Library bag

Two years ago the Library introduced its first 'Library bag'. From September 2009, a new bag can be purchased for £1.00 on Level 3 of the Library. The new bag is brighter, more robust and has long handles. Make sure you buy one whilst stocks last!



Library video on history of University

As part of the University's centenary celebrations, the Library produced a video capturing how the various libraries serving the University have developed over the years. The commentary was supplied by Mary Morley in her last week as University Librarian, before she retired in May 2009. The link to this video, and others, can be found on the Library's home page.

Library staff member wins travel award

Peter Lund (Academic Services Manager for Science) has been awarded the 2009 Travelling Librarian award from CILIP (the professional body for librarians). The funding was used by Peter to visit various research-intensive universities in north east USA in September, to explore how they support their libraries.

In the coming year, Peter will be working with colleagues to see how the USA approaches can be applied at Loughborough.

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