



Magnet

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Library Newsletter for Engineering Students

Hello and welcome once again to Magnet, the quarterly newsletter written especially for all our Engineering students.

Give us a Piece of your Mind!



If you could change ONE THING about the Library - what would it be?

If the Library had more space, how should we use it?

Now's your chance to answer these and other questions about the Library through our User Survey. It takes no more than 5 minutes to complete and will help us tailor our services for your needs.

The survey is available until 15 May 2009. Just go to:

<http://picture-box.lboro.ac.uk/Public/UCCASS/survey.php?sid=76>

and have your say...

Forthcoming Know-How courses:

The library is running a series of training courses this May, and if the spectre of the Summer exams is casting a cloud over you, then two of these sessions may be just the help you need. On Monday 18th May, Excelling in Your Exams will enable you to discuss why things go wrong in exams, and how you can improve in future. On Thursday 21st May, Could Do Better will help you improve your exam performance, with lots of tips for effective revision. For full details of these and other sessions, including how to book a place, see the library web pages: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/skills/ssworkshops.html>



If you would like help and advice for your exams now, check out this month's 'Spotlight on... Exam Preparation'

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/new/Spotlighton-Resource.html>

Drop-in for Engineering Information



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Are you struggling to find the engineering information you need? With exams and coursework deadlines approaching don't be tempted to put things off any longer. If you need help finding information for your project or general advice about the electronic information resources, now is the time to seek out help. To this end, we're making ourselves available to you. Twice weekly you can meet us on a one-to-one basis and we'll help you find the information you need.

Our drop-in sessions will run here in the Engineering Team office in the Library every

Tuesday and Thursday from 5th May to 18th June, 12pm – 2pm. Either book a slot via E.N.Gineer@lboro.ac.uk or simply knock on our door (we're in Open3, halfway down the room on the right hand side).

We hope to see lots of you and **remember** - no query is too small!

Key Construction Publications at your Fingertips



Ever been set a piece of work where you need to refer to the relevant CIBSE guide or wanted to check something in the Building regs without walking across to the Library? Well help is at hand. These and many other key construction publications are freely available in full text via the Construction Information Service (CIS). Accessible through [MetaLib](#) all you need is your Athens username and

password to log in to a wealth of standards, guidelines and reports from publishers such as the Construction Industry Research and Information Association (CIRIA), the Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) and the Chartered Institute of Building to name only a few.

Database of the Month: ASTM

On Wednesday 20th May the Database of the Month session covers the American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM). If you have an interest in production and design, then this resource is for you as ASTM is one of the largest voluntary standards agencies in the world. For full details, including how to book a place, [see the library web pages:](#)



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