LLC Library News

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Library services update at a glance

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<td>Main Library</td>
<td>Has re-opened for browsing, borrowing and studying since 14th Sept. The building is open 8.30am – 12.00 midnight, 7 days a week. Face</td>
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<td>University Collections Facility</td>
<td>Face-to-face services remain closed.</td>
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| Study spaces | Main Library study spaces have been reduced to from 2,700 to over 600 for social distancing. Advance booking is required by following the link here. |
| Book loan period for ‘Reserve’ items | The loan period for ‘Reserve’ items has been extended from previous 3 hours to 1 week in line with Short Loan period. This is due to the requirement to quarantine books after they have been out on loan for 72 hours. |

| ‘Click and collect’ service | Has closed. |

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<td>Interlibrary Loan service</td>
<td>Processing of physical item requests has resumed from 5th Oct. Processing of digital item requests has never stopped.</td>
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For details and updates, please visit: Library Services Update 2020-21 and the links in the table.

CRC Curators’ Hotline

Centre for Research Collections (CRC) curators are providing support for those students who would be using Archives, Manuscripts, Rare Books or Museum collections, but who can’t come to the Library in person due to Covid-19. Curators will provide information and advice on collections, help navigate the digital image collections, help find substitute source material and answer questions. Access through is-crc@ed.ac.uk with ‘Curators’ hotline’ in the subject line.

School of Scottish Studies Archives remains closed

The School of Scottish Studies Archives at 29 George Square remains closed at this point. This is because the single point of access and narrow corridors present a significant risk if we were to make the space available to staff and students. Further to this, the location of the collections being in close proximity to reader seats would mean limited access to collections material while social distancing measures are still in place.
Library staff that manage the Scottish Studies collections and reference material are on site in order to respond to enquiries. We will also be looking at setting up temporary consultation of Scottish Studies material at the CRC. This situation is kept under review as the semester progresses.

Find out more from [here](#).

**EdHelp service launched**

A new student service called EdHelp was launched in June. It brings frequently used student services together, simplifying the process for students to find the answers they need. Initially EdHelp covers enquiries relating to Student Admin, Finance, IT and Library.

EdHelp can be accessed via MyEd or directly at [www.ed.ac.uk/edhelp](http://www.ed.ac.uk/edhelp). The service is also provided by the Helpdesk in the Main Library.

**VPN service for students based in China**

To improve remote access to learning resources for students located in China, the University is trialing a dedicated VPN connection. The service provides greatly improved connectivity through to China that will significantly enhance the student experience.

Find out more from [here](#).

**LibSmart online library course for students**

LibSmart is the new self-enrol Learn course designed to help students develop the digital skills needed to use library resources for study and research. It’s been written for new undergraduate students but could also be used as a foundation course for students at other levels of study.

The course has five modules that will take a student step by step from starting to use the library to researching a topic for a report or essay:

- Starting to use the Library
- Your information landscape
- Finding and retrieving information
- Managing information
- Referencing and avoiding plagiarism

Students can choose to study the entire course, or just the one or two modules which are most relevant to them, at any point in the academic year when they need to. The course content will remain open all year.

Find out more from [here](#).

**Dissertation Festival Online 26 Oct – 06 Nov**

The Library is holding an online Dissertation Festival between Monday 26 Oct and Friday 6 Nov. The event will bring together the support that the Library, Digital Skills and IAD provide for students undertaking their dissertations. The programme will also include sessions by external database suppliers. Visit library subject guide [Dissertations](#) for details about the subject focused sessions. Booking links will be added two weeks before the event.

**Temporary suspension of student book recommendations**

During the Covid-19 lockdown, the Library operated a limited Request a Book (RaB) service. RaB is now temporarily suspended while the Library teams focus on providing online resources to support the University’s hybrid delivery of teaching for Semester 1 2020-21. Updates on timescales for the resumption of the RaB service will be provided [here](#).

**Library subject guides**

14 Library subject guides for LLC have now been published. These guides are still being improved and updated. Therefore, some guides are more detailed than others at this stage - apologies. Please keep an eye on them as they continue to evolve over the next few weeks. Suggestions would be much appreciated.

- Asian Studies
- Celtic and Scottish Studies
- Comparative Literature
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French and Francophone Studies
- German Studies
- Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies
- Italian Studies
- Russian Studies
- Scandinavian Studies
- Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies
- Theatre Studies
- Translation Studies

Full list of Library subject guides: [https://edin.ac/2MxCzuV](https://edin.ac/2MxCzuV)
Recently acquired databases & journals for LLC

- Academic Complete e-book subscription collection (including 12,251 titles of literature. Individual titles in DiscoverEd)
- Asian American Drama
- Audio Drama: The L.A. Theatre Works Collection
- Black Drama Third Edition
- Brill's Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics
- Chinese Periodicals Full-text Database (1911-1949), Series 9
- Contemporary World Drama
- Dialog Complete Si Ku series (Chinese)
- Early European Books Online (European books published before 1701. Consisting of 17 collections.)
- Film Scripts Online Series: American Film Scripts Online, Volume 1
- National Theatre Collection (31 plays)
- Nineteenth Century Literary Society – The John Murray Publishing Archive
- North American Indian Drama (2nd edition)
- North American Women’s Drama (2nd edition)
- Norton Critical Edition Collection (49 titles)
- Performance Design Archive Online
- Plays International & Europe
- Royal Shakespeare Company Collection
- Theatre in Context
- Treasury of Linguistic Maps Online
- Twentieth Century North American Drama (2nd edition)

In process:
- Gyldendals ordbøger ‘Engelsk PRO’ – Danish language dictionaries (still waiting for publisher)

Database trials
- China Modern Primary and Secondary Education Resource Database (till 30/11/2020)
- Digitalia Film Library (till 13/10/2020. Many Spanish films)
- Digitalia Hispanica (till 13/10/2020. Over 38,000 ebooks and ejournals in Spanish)
- Documents of Late Qing Dynasty & the Republic of China (till 30/11/2020)

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LLC Librarian Blog:
http://libraryblogs.is.ed.ac.uk/llclibrarian

For:
- LLC related resource enquiries or requests
- Arranging online library induction sessions for your students
- Other types of professional advice on Library issues

Library Academic Support team
Library-Academic-Support@ed.ac.uk

Alternative to contacting your Academic Support Librarian. A colleague in the team can reply when your LLC Academic Support Librarian is away.

IS Helpline
Web self-service portal (preferred):
http://ed.unidesk.ac.uk/tas/public
Email: IS.Helpline@ed.ac.uk

Especially useful for general and IT related enquiries

EdHelp
https://www.ed.ac.uk/edhelp
Student administration, finance, accommodation, IT help, Library facilities, student card, etc.

EdHelp Helpdesk
Ground Floor, Main Library
Phone: +44 (0)131 650 3409
Opening hours:
Mon – Thu 9am-7.50pm
Friday 9am-6.50pm
Saturday 12noon-4.50pm
Sunday 12noon-6.50pm
Email: same as Helpline

Help about using the Main Library; help with finding books; UoE and Library accounts; visit in person