

# New Library Project Update

*...and Interim Library info*

## Project progressing well

...says the Library Programme Board (the group which oversees the library transformation project). The main construction work has started and appears to be broadly on schedule; University staff are reporting that good relationships have been developed with construction staff. The project is also currently within its allocated budget.

The interim library arrangements appear to be working well so far. One interesting statistic – the number of books issued is the same as for the comparable period last year. This would seem to indicate that all the main books required by students are in the interim collection. A fast track problem reporting scheme has been put in place alongside suggestion boxes in the Library and the Study Zone to allow students to make suggestions and highlight problems. Email [ISLibraryProblems@stir.ac.uk](mailto:ISLibraryProblems@stir.ac.uk) or fill in a card at the Library entrance or in the Study Lounge.

Photos of how the construction is progressing are placed regularly on the Library Project's Facebook page. The pictures to the right show the construction of a lightwell which will allow daylight onto all floors of the library.



## Extended opening hours during the exam period

As last semester, the Library will have extended opening hours for the exam period. They will commence Monday 16th November and continue until the night before the last exam, which on the draft schedule will mean Sunday 20th December.

Both the Interim Library and the Study Zone will open until 2am every morning and they will re-open at 9am.

During the extended hours, the library will be self service only.

## Extended opening hours

From 16/11/2009–  
20/12/09

Library and Study Zone are  
open daily

**9am–2am**

Search for 'University of Stirling New Library Project'



# The Interim Library Service

## Some tips to help you find what you need

### Books you want on loan?

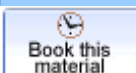


Use the 'Request/Hold' button in the catalogue record to put yourself in the queue to get the book when it's returned. You'll get an email when the book is available. If the item is a Basement loan (4 weeks), the person will be given 1 week to return it.

### Looking for a quiet study space?

The Study Zone can seat up to 200. Due to the construction work it can be noisy during the working week. From 16 November, the Study Zone will be open 9am-2am. Ear plugs can be requested from the Library service points if required. In addition, we have 2 study rooms in Cottrell 4W which is a long way from the construction site.

### Booking RBR items for a suitable time.



RBR items can be borrowed for 24 hours and Short Loan items can be borrowed for 3 hours. Use the 'Book this material' button to reserve an item for a suitable time. If you are finding the 24 hour loan period a bit too short, remember that RBR items issued on Fridays are due back by 10 am on Monday.

### Going on placement?

If your course involves a period of time on placement don't forget the Library has a range of services to help you get the resources you need. We offer a postal loans and photocopying service and membership of a scheme which allows you to join and borrow from other University libraries. Pick up our 'Information for Placement Students' leaflet in the library or view it online: <http://www.is.stir.ac.uk/docs/users/Leaflet9-placement.pdf>

### Reading list item not in stock in the Library?

If the Library doesn't have a book on a reading list, you can request that we purchase a copy. Orders placed in the interim year will be fast tracked to try and get the items you need as quickly as possible. Go



to the library/IS website [www.is.stir.ac.uk](http://www.is.stir.ac.uk), click the 'Library Services 2009-2010' button, then select 'Getting materials not available in the Library'.

### Beat the queues!

Have you tried our self issue and self return machines? These are located at the library entrance and have easy to follow on-screen instructions.

### Quartos and Pams?

Quartos (large books) and Pams (pamphlets) are located at the end of the alphabetical sequence of books, i.e. after the books at classmark Z. If the Library catalogue location is 'Stirling—Library Quarto' or 'Stirling—Library Pam' you will find these books in separate A-Z sequences after the ordinary sized books. If you can't find the book you want please ask at the Lending Desk.

### Not sure where to start looking for information for your essay?

Start with our online 'Surviving your Essay' tutorial: <http://www.is.stir.ac.uk/help/guides/tutorial.php> Then look at the Library's Subject Research Guides, <http://www.is.stir.ac.uk/research/guides/index.php> These guides contain links to relevant databases (indexes to journal articles), suggested high quality websites and contact details for your Subject Librarians.

## Useful links

<http://www.is.stir.ac.uk/newlibrary>

<http://newlibrary.wordpress.stir.ac.uk/blogs/>

<http://www.supportthelibrary.stir.ac.uk/>

