

Library news and resource spotlights for the Faculties of Technology and Science

Students, Students, Students



These range from short inductions for first years, through more detailed dissertation preparation for final year undergraduates, to sessions for researchers on specialised databases, search techniques or the use of social media.

Specific topics have included referencing (see

below right), mind mapping, citation searching and even book reviewing.

We've been seeing a lot of students of late! Some 31,540 through the door in September and 78,441 in October!

But perhaps of more interest are the numbers of students Marie and Timothy, together with their assistants Ann and Sarah have stood in front of in the last couple of months.

Figures aren't yet complete, nor is the round of inductions, lectures, and workshops we're asked to deliver at this time of year, but so far we estimate we've seen some 1480 on the Technology side and 2024 in Science.

If you're aware that you have a group of students who could use such information literacy training and haven't been exposed to it already. Please get in touch with us and we'll see what can be arranged.

Many thanks to those who've already fitted us into what we appreciate are very busy schedules—for both students and staff!

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Blocked?

We've been working with IS to automate staff registrations and the update has caused a very few cards to be blocked. If that has happened to you, just let us know at the Reception Desk and we can fix it!

How to read a journal article

There's a brand new library guide called *Academic Reading: Journal Articles* which you can find in our store of many other guides:

<http://www.libr.port.ac.uk/libguides/LG630.pdf>

It accompanies a more general guide on *Academic Reading*.

Let us know if it's useful or you'd like to see changes. (We're aware the font is rather small to fit it onto two sides, we're currently deliberating removing some of the text or allowing it to go to three pages as it's an electronic only leaflet.

Let us know what you think!

Other changes

Last month we mentioned some of the summer changes, but didn't cover them all. Three more things:

Suggestions Box

As well as a physical box on the Ground Floor, we now have an anonymous electronic box in yellow on the bottom left of the Library homepage:

<http://www.port.ac.uk/library/home/>

Feel free to make a suggestion!

Group Study

Our six Group Study rooms can now be booked by 2-6 people instead of 3-6 people allowing one-to-one meetings if required. They also have large screens for presentations.

Pull Printing

Printers throughout the Library now have small black boxes attached and when students wave their cards over these, their printing will be drawn to that printer.

Referencing oops!

Full marks to the unnamed colleague who handed out a 'spot the mistake' referencing exercise, but handed out the *answers* in error; on which there were still two mistakes!

It would have been very easy to claim it was deliberate but they owned up and demonstrated that referencing isn't easy, needs to be worked at and we're most certainly all in this together!