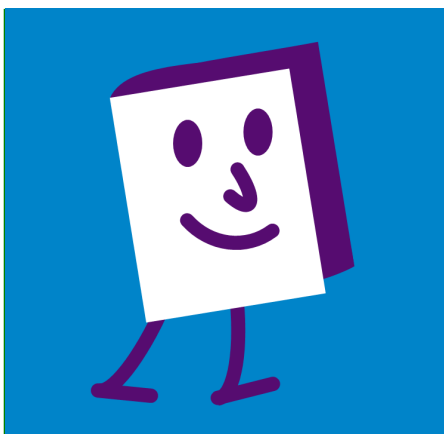


Library news and resource spotlights for the Faculties of Technology and Science

All Change on the shelves! Stock moves in the Library



During the summer we will be undertaking a program of stock relocation within the University Library which will create a single sequence of books and a single sequence of journals rather than the current arrangement of

subject floors. All back issues of journals will be located on the 2nd floor of the Library in what will become a silent study zone but current issues will remain displayed on the ground floor. Books will be located on all 3 floors of the Library with the sequence starting on the ground floor before continuing on the 1st and finishing on the 2nd floor in the current group study zone. The existing subject reference collection will be integrated into the book stock as will collections such as the statistics and parliamentary papers collection. This stock move will enable a small increase in the number of study spaces prior to a more significant refurbishment of the ground floor of the Library to take place

in summer 2014 more details of which will come in future issues.

In other developments during the summer we will be undertaking phase 2 of the RFID project which will see the installation of an automated sorter to handle returned books and it will enable us to more easily record 'in library' use of books providing a more accurate picture of usage. Phase 1 of the project has been a success with over 90% of circulation transactions now being undertaken through self-service. This has allowed us to introduce a range of new service points from September 2013 increasing the assistance available to anyone using the building.

“Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.” *Victor Hugo*

The Editor Writes...

As you can see, *SciTech Update* has had a bit of a makeover this month.

We've been producing this newsletter since 2007 and only now has anyone objected to the font we used for headlines. We know it's 'trendy' to hate Comic Sans but it has a certain jollity to it and ask anyone who teaches kids to write if there's another (common) font with a "proper" letter 'a' for children to learn to copy! But perhaps it's time for a change. We've also stopped anything overlapping the University logo which was against the guidelines.

We hope you like the new look and we're delighted to find after five years that we have a reader.

Comments, criticism or complaints as ever to
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although, as it happens, this particular complaint came via Twitter, so feel free to use @timpaa as well if you'd rather.

Don't forget you can find our archive at:

<http://www.port.ac.uk/library/about/archive/>

Click on any year from 2007 onwards.

Ebooks revisited

Anne Worden (Faculty Librarian for Humanities and Social Sciences) has been preparing some statistics on UoP ebook usage for a poster display. She was invited because UoP has the highest usage of

Ebrary in the UK with 6,000,000 section requests a year. Some of her figures include 'Technology' students use of ebooks.

50% in a 2009 survey thought ebooks were 'quite useful' or 'very useful'. In 2012 that had risen to 67%.

Curiously however, in their reasons for using ebooks, while 'easy to use' had risen from 25% to 35%, 'I prefer online' had dropped from 23% to 19%. ('Convenient' was the other big reason, just increasing from 33% to 35%). 'Prefer to use print' dropped from 44% to 35% while 'prefer to use ebook' had risen from 23% to 37%.

There are many other figures and comparisons with Humanities and Law, so if you'd like further details, please get in touch with
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