

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

BoB ups and downs.....

Many of you will be familiar with our subscription to BoB, an archive provided by the British Universities Film and Video Council. BoB enables all staff and students in subscribing institutions to choose and record any broadcast programme from 60+ TV and radio channels. The recorded programmes are then kept indefinitely (no expiry) and added to a growing media archive (currently at over 1 million programmes), with all content shared by users across all subscribing institutions. Users can create clips, search transcripts and compile playlists. Extensive changes and improvements were made to the site over the Christmas break including the new features listed below:

- the addition of all BBC TV and radio content dating from 2007 (800,000+ programmes)
- over 10 foreign language channels, including French, German and Italian
- an extended 30 day recording



buffer – more time to record missed programmes

- a new look website, improved navigation
- Apple iOS compatibility – watch BoB on handheld devices
- searchable transcripts
- links to social media – share what you are watching online
- a one-click citation reference, allowing you to cite programmes in your work

As a result of these changes there have been a few problems with logging in and links in Moodle. We recommend that if you are using BoB resources (clips or full programmes) in your Moodle site you check your content for broken links. In terms of login issues please send details of the email address you are having problems with to bob@bufvc.ac.uk. For further information see the Library's Known Problems Page on our website.

Returning books just got interesting

We are delighted to announce that the book returns sorter is now operational. You can now return your books and watch them get sorted automatically. The introduction of the new sorter means that our self service machines are now purely for use to check your Library account and to borrow items.



Web of Science and Scopus

Web of Science has had a make over and is sporting a new interface; and whilst we do like the grey and orange we would like to invite you to review Web of Science and to consider an alternative product, Scopus. Scopus is a large abstract and citation database from Elsevier, covering science, technology, medicine, social sciences, arts and humanities. It is on trial via the Library

until 21st February and can be accessed at <http://www.scopus.com/> Scopus can be accessed on campus or off campus using your Shibboleth account login. The library is gathering feedback on Scopus before a decision is made on whether to purchase. Please send any thoughts / comments on Scopus to hannah.britcher@port.ac.uk

And finally

don't forget.....

Your Library is now open 24/7 until the end of the exam period (2400 on Friday, 30 May).