

Your Help Is Needed!

The Library has a couple of ways you can help out in ways that actually help you!

Parade

It would be a great help to the University's institutional repository team if staff could visit the institutional repository - *Parade* - to check two things. Firstly check if the details of your post-2007 research outputs (journal articles, conference papers, book chapters and books) are recorded there; if there are outputs of yours that are not in *Parade* give the details of these to Ruth Wills (**Science**) or Donna Ferrand (**Technology**) and they will deposit them for you. Secondly if there are problems with any of your outputs email ir@port.ac.uk with a request for changes or deletions.

If you want to take a look at Parade, you can find it here:

<http://eprints.port.ac.uk>

Don't forget about the research that shows your citation rate can improve by depositing in an IR!

Reading Lists

If you have a course that is ready for the restructured academic year please could you give all reading lists associated with that course to either Timothy Collinson (Technology) or Andy Barrow (Science). We will then convert the reading lists to digital form so that you can link to the reading list(s) from Victory or Moodle.

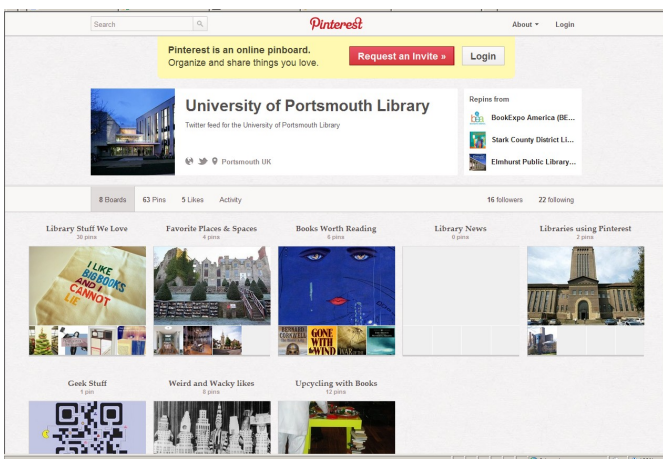
If we had a parade of reading lists through Portsmouth, do you think that would help?

Be helpful? Possibly.
Be weird definitely!



View From the Shelf

Pinterest



University of Portsmouth Library is one of the first UK academic libraries to have a Pinterest board. If you've not (yet) heard of this relatively new social networking site, you probably will do soon. It's certainly big in the USA and its spreading fast. It's really a way of sharing images and you can see our early attempts at making something of 'pinterest' here:

<http://pinterest.com/uoplib/>

Student Engagement

The current issue of *Engineering Education* (available freely from

<http://www.engsc.ac.uk/journal/index.php/ee/issue/current>) is a student engagement special issue.

Of course, this will be of particular interest to the schools of engineering, but there are good articles there with wider application for those interested in the subject.

University of Portsmouth contribution

We were also delighted to find that our own staff are represented there with: 'Motivation of Engineering students in Higher Education' by **Nick Savage** (School of Engineering), **Roy Birch** (SECS) and **Eleni Noussi** (a research student in the School of Engineering).

"The challenge is to stimulate our students' intrinsic motivation by providing them with opportunities for independent, self-developmental learning."