

Freshers' Fayre and Further

The Library once again had a strong presence at the two days of Freshers' Fayre. This year our theme revolved around University of Portsmouth's seaside location and saw us giving away candyfloss, offering the chance to play quoits or to take a 'peep through' photo, and of course encouraging them to have a go at a quiz that would take them round the Library and allow them the chance to win a Kindle. Over on the right you can see the marvellous design (by Louise Bennett our Administrative Assistant) that Patrick Galway (Senior Library Assistant) painted. Three members of Library staff peep through. Can you identify them?!

Of course, Faculty Librarians and Assistant Faculty Librarians have also been all over the campus delivering induction sessions to new students and 'refreshers' for

returning students. If you've not booked anything yet, it's not too late! Get in touch with **Andy Barrow** or **Timothy Collinson** about what would be most appropriate for the level of student. In fact, often it's better to run library induction nearer the time of their first assignment when students have recovered from the shock of arriving and all that's thrown at them and are beginning to focus on what they actually need to do

academically! But it's not just first years we can help at this time of year. As well as basic inductions we can offer referencing/plagiarism lectures,

database searching and keyword selection, and even a new lecture on book reviewing!

It's not too late for them to **enter our prize competition to win a Kindle either**. The QR code on the left leads to our new news page where they can download the questions (and rules) and have until 5th October to submit an entry—please encourage students to do so!



Question 16

Those familiar with the National Student Survey will be aware that question 16 is: **"The library resources and services are good enough for my needs"**.

The sector average for this question is 83% and the UoP score on this question is 85%.

This doesn't mean we shall be resting on our laurels however, as there were plenty of negative free text comments to go with this that mentioned us. Some 77% of the total 248 open comments.

Under the guidance of the Associate University Librarian (Academic Liaison & User Services) each Faculty Librarian will look in detail at those subjects and courses that are below average and declining. This will include analysing feedback from SSCC, Boards of Study, Faculty Library Committee and the open comments in the NSS for consideration by Library Senior Management Team.

EndNote Web Update

The EndNote Web guide now reflects the latest release of the software, Version 3.5. It can be downloaded from Parade by going to the following URL:

<https://eprints.port.ac.uk/4501/>

Are students getting younger or am I just that much older?

Put it like this, they won't get your age off your birth certificate unless they can read hieroglyphics.



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