



You may have seen recent news about the pre-entry project run by DCQE. This will provide web pages for future students to find out what studying at University involves.

This is now in a trial stage across the faculties over this summer.

The Library has its own contribution, and amongst other things, the pre-entry students can explore some of our facilities and resources. If you'd like to take a look:

Website address:

[www.prepup.port.ac.uk](http://www.prepup.port.ac.uk)

Logon: uopstaff

Password: prepup08

One of our goals was to avoid the 'boring library' syndrome and hopefully make it fun to explore. There are serious things to find and more light-hearted elements. For more on the rationale of something not dissimilar see:

Collinson, T. & Williams, A. (2004). "The Alternative Library", *Aslib Proceedings*, 56(3), 137 - 143.

You can find a copy at:

<http://www.solent.ac.uk/library/altlib/alternativelibrary.pdf>

Please feel free to comment either to Carolynne Jacobs in DCQE for the general Prep-Up pages or to Timothy Collinson for the Library section of it.



## PROLA

**Physical Review Online Archive** is the American Physical Society's online archive for *Physical Review Letters*, *Reviews of Modern Physics*, and *Physical Review A-E*. It includes all APS journal articles from 1893-2004. (Note this is an archive service so the last four years are not available).

2 hits for 'vibrational mode intensity' and 'electron tunnelling spectroscopy' in the title. One from 2008 which isn't available yet, the other from 1976 which is:

Kirtley, J., Scalapino, D. J., & Hansma, P. K. (1976). Theory of vibrational mode intensities in inelastic electron tunneling spectroscopy. *Physical Review B*, 14(8), 3177.

## Reading Lists Ahoy!

Would you like your reading lists turned into electronic documents? With links to the material where available online? Bibliographically checked by professionals?

The Library is now looking for reading lists to populate TalisList which handles online reading lists.

We'd particularly like Foundation or First Year reading lists which don't run to more than a page or two. But any will be considered.

We'll do all the work - we just need you to supply the reading lists in print form or as Word documents etc. Please send Science Faculty lists to Andy Barrow and Technology Faculty lists to Timothy Collinson.

To see what your list might look like, go to the Library homepage, click on 'Online Reading Lists' under 'Looking for Something' and try a search: e.g. 'languages'.



## Athens, Shibboleth & EndNote

We had hoped to have news on the Athens replacement, Shibboleth, which when it arrives should make logging into the University site, portals, Victory and databases much more seamless.

Unfortunately, things are still moving at a glacial pace and there is growing concern throughout higher education in the UK as to whether Shibboleth will be ready to go by the next academic year. The Library is currently looking at other options as a backup.

There are some databases which are unlikely to be Shibboleth compliant by October in any case - EndNote being a good example of one -and we are also looking at alternatives to maintain access to this.

Rest assured that we are doing all we can to make sure there isn't a loss of access for students or staff (even if the method of access has to change) and we'll keep you posted as we get any firm news.

If you can hear the sound of many librarians grinding their teeth, you'll be in good company!