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New Library website

Going live on 10th September, the new Library website has been unveiled. Much of the complexity has been simplified and we trust it will be easier for users to find what they

need more quickly.

We've also formally adopted the short URL:

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

as the main. (Previously, it was <http://www.port.ac.uk/departments/studentsupport/library/> and any bookmarks you might have to this page or links within Victory or other websites should be changed. A redirect is currently in place.)

You'll see that much of the main screen is taken up by a search box which changes according to which category you've chosen on the left-hand side.

Further down the page you'll see there are four tabs:

- Help Yourself



introducing library resources and facilities to students. It's currently aimed at criminology students but we believe it will be fairly easy to repackage to any course that is interested in having such a suite of pages in their Victory unit. Let us know if you are interested!

We hope to have more on this next month, but for now, here are a couple of screenshots from the fabulous looking work done by Linda Jones (Faculty Librarian, Law and Criminology) and Lindsey Fuller (Educational Technologist, DCQE).

We trust the murderer is caught soon.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the University of Portsmouth Library. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Students, Staff and Researchers, Distance Learners, and a Victoria Student Portal link. Below the navigation is a search bar titled "Search the Library Catalogue". The search form includes fields for Keyword, Title, Author, Collection (set to "Main Catalogue"), Publication Date (set to "Any year"), and buttons for "Search" and "Clear". To the left of the search bar is a sidebar with links for Library Catalogue, Databases, E-Journals, E-Books, E-Dissertations, E-Prints, Exam Papers, Reading Lists, and Images and Videos. To the right of the search bar is a large search input field. Below the search area are four tabs: "Help Yourself", "Ask Us", "Services & Facilities", and "Library Essentials". Under "Help Yourself", there's a section titled "Problems when accessing a resource" with a list of common issues like login problems, resource availability, and computer access. To the right of this is a "Subject based help" section with a dropdown menu showing options like Accounting, Architecture and Interior Design, Art and Design, Business, Biomedical Sciences, Business and Management, Business Information Systems, Chemistry, Computing, Computing and Technology, and Criminology and Psychology. On the far right, there's a box titled "Introducing the new Library Homepage!" with a brief description and links to search the homepage, select a subject page, and bookmark the page.

- Ask Us
- Services & Facilities
- Library Essentials

Hopefully they're fairly self-explanatory and contain all the information that was previously on the website and more. News of course still appears on the right

and at the bottom of the page—which unfortunately will most likely involve scrolling—you'll find links to our Facebook page, Twitter feed and Thing of the Day blog.

Do use these to keep up-to-date and let us know what you think of the website.

Skydrive

If you have, as I do, silly numbers of files on your home PC you might find Microsoft's SkyDrive very, very useful. I'm thinking of upgrading my home PC and I've been worried about file culling and transfer. It looks like I've found the answer...

http://windowslive.com/online/skydrive?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_SD_25GB_062009

And it's free. Music to a Yorkshire lad's ears!

Andy Barrow

Congratulations!

Well done to the BSc eCommerce and Internet Systems student who has had his dissertation spotted online and picked up for publication. See the full news story at:

<http://www.port.ac.uk/aboutus/newsandevents/frontpagenews/title,101621,en.html>

Matthew Myron's book *What is Privacy?* is of course on order for the Library shelves, so do encourage students to take a look if they are ignoring some of the darker possibilities that social networking sites throw up.

And of course, there's always the Library's own 'Dark Side of the Web' workshop to direct students to. This year it's taking place on:

Friday 27th November
Friday 30th April

Finally, just a reminder that electronic dissertations can be stored in the Library's repository at <http://dissertations.port.ac.uk/>. Please, let us have any you would like to see included.