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http://www.ucl.ac.uk/Library/blog/maps/

1. Book funds

The bulk of this year's budget has now been spent, however please keep sending requests. We would particularly ask for reading lists for next academic year, especially any that have been updated and those for new modules.

2. Induction

Please get in touch with your subject librarian to arrange for induction sessions for new students at the start of the next academic year. We can tailor these sessions to your individual requirements, offering tours of the Science Library, lecture theatre talks and workshop training.

3. UCL Go!

UCL Go! Is a new iPhone app that has been designed by ISD. It brings together various UCL information sources tailored to the individual student logged in, such as Library account information, timetables, enrolment, term dates, opening hours, building and lecture theatre locations (via Google Maps), UCL directory and union services. Currently Library account information is read-only, but it is hoped that future developments will include the ability to renew books. The app will also be available for other (non-Apple) devices.

It can be downloaded for free at http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/ucl-go-student-edition/id357476297?mt=8.

4. Research Survey

Full results of Library Services' survey of researchers can now be seen at http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/news.shtml.

5. Postgraduate training

Last term the Science Team expanded the library skills training given to postgraduates. We worked with the Graduate School to run six sessions. Involving the Graduate School helped considerably with publicity and meant that the classes counted for Roberts points. Each session covered either a set of skills or a single resource. In this way students could choose which sessions to attend, making sure that the material covered was relevant and useful to them. The sessions were:

- Search strategy
- Web of Science
- SCOPUS
- Ebooks and Knovel
- Engineering Village
- Reference Manager

Further information and a breakdown of each session can be found at the Library News for MAPS blog http://www.ucl.ac.uk/Library/blog/maps/2010/02/15/information-skills-training-for-postgraduate-students/

The feedback from students has been very positive and attendance was high. This supports our plans to offer similiar training at regular intervals throughout the year. We are aiming to start in the first term of next academic year.

6. Exam papers

The 2009 Exam papers are now available in the Digital Collections Service: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/exampapers. There is now a new search interface and the ability to ensure that searches are restricted to exam papers only.

7. Science Library – further refurbishments

The ongoing refurbishment of the Science Library is continuing with new desks and chairs in the fourth floor Engineering reading room. All the desks have powerpoints for laptops, helping to address the general lack of access to power in the Science Library.

8. New E-Resources

- **Wiley backfile** – This covers all Wiley and Blackwell titles; from the first issue up to 1996 (post-1996 coverage is included with the current subscriptions). This purchase reflects the priorities expressed by UCL researchers for additional online content. The expanded holdings will be reflected in the e-journals list and on the Library catalogue shortly.
- **e-EROS** - the online version of the critically acclaimed *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis*. Access is via the Library catalogue – search for e-EROS and follow the SFX link.
- **Oxford Reference Online** - includes a wide range of cross-searchable dictionary, language reference, and subject reference works published by Oxford University Press, with 1 million entries across 25 subject areas.

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