



1. Science Library Refurbishment

The refurbishment of the ground floor of the Science Library was completed on time and opened before the start of the new academic session.

- The entrance lobby has been widened and improved with a new Membership Desk and a separate Security Office.
- The Computer Cluster has been extended with 30 new postgraduate cluster computers.
- Wheelchair users benefit from a new gate to access the Library.
- From the entrance lobby, two sets of glazed double doors provide access to the ground floor.
- Facilitating group study, the ground floor now accommodates 11 new soft seating clusters and a group study area, enabled with the RoamNet wireless network for up to 44 users.
- 5 self-service terminals have been installed for book issue and return.
- New service desks have been installed.

2. WISE for MAPS

The WISE modules, step-by-step guides to finding and using information effectively, are now available to all staff and students on Moodle, accessible through the 'All Courses' list with the option to 'enrol' or add to your own list of courses. WISE provides hints and tips from UCL Library Services staff about web based services, bibliographic databases and other resources; evaluating and critically appraising information; citing references and avoiding plagiarism. Interactive tutorials and downloadable resource guides are also available. The WISE module for MAPS was launched in September.

3. E-Resources

SCOPUS

UCL now has a subscription to SCOPUS, a wide-ranging abstracting and indexing database from Elsevier. SCOPUS covers science, technology, medicine and social sciences. It is also a useful tool for citation analysis. (more information at <http://info.scopus.com/overview/why/>) There are more details about subject coverage, as well as an overview of how to use the database, on the SCOPUS information site - <http://info.scopus.com/>.

Journal backfiles

A number of new journal backfiles are now available at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/ejournal>, including recent additions:

- Experimental Techniques Vol. 2(1-2), 1972; Vol.1, 1975-
- Computational Intelligence Vol. 1, 1985-
- Basin Research Vol. 1, 1988-
- Journal of Metamorphic Geology Vol. 1, 1983-
- Risk Analysis Vol. 1, 1981-
- Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems Vol. 1, 1991-
- Earth Surface Processes and Landforms (previously known as Earth Surface Processes) Vol. 1, 1976-
- Environmental Progress Vol. 1, 1982-

- Environmetrics Vol. 1, 1990-
- Geoarchaeology Vol. 1, 1986-
- Geological Journal Vol. 1, 1951-
- International Journal of Climatology Vol. 1, 1981-
- Journal of Quaternary Science Vol. 1, 1986-
- Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society Vol. 1, 1873-
- Sustainable Development Vol. 1, 1993-

Institute of Physics

We have trial access to the new IOP platform, IOPscience, until 31 December. Access is by IP authentication at <http://iopscience.iop.org/>. The platform provides electronic access to IOP-hosted journal content including the full archive back to 1874, as well as more than 470,000 pre-prints from eprintweb.org. There is a user guide for IOPscience at <http://herald.iop.org/iopsciguide/m1/exll//deliver/IOPScienceUG.pdf>.

OvidSP

Many key databases for UCL staff and students are now available through a new interface called OvidSP which has replaced Silverplatter / WebSPIRS, to provide more up to date references and new search features. Databases available through OvidSP include Biotechnology Abstracts, EMBASE, Medline, GeoRef and GEOBASE. Other resources accessible through OvidSP include a selection of ejournals and ebooks. To access databases through OvidSP, link through the Library Services webpages at <http://www.library.ucl.ac.uk/database>

4. Scanning and copyright

The Copyright Licensing Agency has recently launched a new and extended Licence (The Combined Photocopying and Scanning Licence). The Licence remains much the same as previous incarnations. The extent limits (1 chapter or 5%, etc) have not been changed. However, a major development is that we are now able to scan from works by US publishers so long as they do not appear on the List of Excluded US Publishers: http://www.cla.co.uk/us_excluded_publishers.php. While the scanning repertoire now covers UK and (most) US published works, it still does not cover all of the global territories that are covered for photocopying.

All scanning requests to support taught courses should go to Library Services' Teaching & Learning Support Section (TLSS) to ensure requirements placed on us by the Licence are met. All readings that qualify for scanning will be scanned and delivered via the online reading lists, or links will be provided to a lecturer to incorporate into their VLE module.

For further information see <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/teachsup.shtml> or email library-tlss@ucl.ac.uk

5. Digitisation of the central card catalogue

During 2007/8 UCL Library Services undertook a project to digitise the card catalogues for the Main and Science libraries; these recorded some of the Library's book, thesis and map holdings which have not yet been added to the eUCLid online catalogue. Most of the material listed is kept in our store or housed in UCL Special Collections and is not immediately accessible on the open shelves.

The digitised catalogue can be freely consulted and is linked from the UCL Library Services' website via the top level heading 'Catalogues' or directly at <http://cardcat.ucl.ac.uk/>