



Library MAPS Team contacts

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

1. Induction and training

Library tours and induction sessions were run for most of the departments in MAPS. There were also more detailed training sessions organised on using Library resources, literature searching, referencing and Reference Manager. Any departments who would like to organise training sessions for their students are encouraged to get in touch.

2. Books

Funds are available for new books so please pass any requests or reading lists to your subject librarian.

3. WISE – new and improved Moodle course

The WISE module for MAPS has been completely revised with a streamlined design and updated content. This Moodle course is a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to finding and using information effectively. Topics covered include: how to formulate search strategies; how to use electronic databases; assessing information for quality; managing and citing your results; awareness of legislation affecting the use of information. The module can be accessed at

<http://moodle.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=3015>

4. Science Library refurbishment

The second phase of refurbishment of the Science Library ground floor was completed over the summer. The works included:

- Doubling the number of entrance and exit turnstiles
- Improving the project / group study space with bookable “pods”, equipped with PCs, whiteboards and plasma screens
- New signage on all floors
- New ISD Helpdesk and Library Enquiry Desk

5. Electronic Resources

- UCL now has access to **Reaxys** the replacement for the **Crossfire** database of organic and inorganic Chemistry. Reaxys can be accessed at <http://libproxy.ucl.ac.uk/login?url=https://www.reaxys.com>
- UCL has a trial of **Bentham Science** titles until 23 December 2009. All Bentham Science journals are included in the trial. UCL currently subscribes to three Bentham Science titles: Combinatorial Chemistry & High Throughput Screening, Current Medicinal Chemistry and Recent Patents on Biotechnology. Other key titles accessible during the trial include:
 - Current Alzheimer Research
 - Current Drug Metabolism
 - Current Drug Targets
 - Current Molecular Medicine
 - Current Pharmaceutical Design
 - Current Topics in Medicinal Chemistry
 - Full list of titles included in the trial at www.bentham.org/BrwTitles.htmAccess the trial at libproxy.ucl.ac.uk/login?url=http://www.bentham-direct.org

Please send any feedback to your Subject Librarian to help us evaluate this resource.

6. Photocopying facilities and change machines

New photocopiers will soon be introduced in the Science Library. We have a new contract that will keep the cost of copies down to the current level. Achieving this has meant reducing cost elsewhere, so a decision has been taken to discontinue the change machine service. Discussions with the Student Union indicated that low-cost copying is more important to students than provision of a change facility. The machines have been unreliable and are expensive to maintain and service. The Science Library change machine has already been removed. The new equipment will be introduced shortly with the facility for electronic payments to follow within the next year.

7. Open access to research

JISC has launched a suite of online materials to support researchers in opening up their work to the public. There is also a new report covering its 15 years of work on scholarly communications.

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/publications/documents/openaccesscontributions.aspx>
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