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1. UCL Library Services Budget 2010-11

Following a 6% savings cut in 2009/10, Library Services was asked by UCL to make a further 5% saving for 2010/11. Since the 2009/10 savings cut included a substantial reduction in the staffing budget, the emphasis in 2010/11 was unavoidably placed on the materials budgets. Every effort has been made to minimise as much as possible the impact on users.

2. UCL Special Collections

Work continues to identify a long-term home for UCL Special Collections. The lease on the present facility in 140 Hampstead Road expires in September 2011. Discussions are underway with a London partner who could offer facilities to UCL for 2 years as a temporary home, with access to reading rooms. Submissions are being made to the Bloomsbury Masterplanning Team for a long-term home on a central site in UCL.

3. Staffing changes

Rachel Nelligan has joined the Library Services Engineering team as Subject Librarian for Earth Sciences. She is temporarily covering for Ruth Russell who has been seconded to the Cruciform Library.

4. Induction and skills training

The start of term has been very busy with students from most departments in MAPS coming to the Science Library for tours and / or having a training session with their Subject Librarian. Training continues throughout the year and we welcome requests for specific sessions which can be discussed with the relevant Subject Librarian.

5. Postgraduate training

We have repeated the successful series of library skills training sessions given to postgraduates last session. Working with the Graduate School, we have delivered four session, with one to go, tailored for Engineering and Science students. As before the classes count for Roberts points. The sessions this term are:

- Web of Science
- PubMed
- SCOPUS
- Current Awareness Tools
- Reference Manager

Further information is available at the Graduate School website - http://courses.grad.ucl.ac.uk/course-details.pht?course_ID=1956

6. Science Library – further refurbishments

The summer refurbishments in the Science Library finished in time for the start of term and include:

- New, self-service short loan collection
- Refurbished reading rooms on the first floor with power to all desks
- Quiet postgraduate cluster on the first floor

7. New E-Resources

New electronic resources include:

- Cambridge University Press archives these archive collections have been purchased for UK higher education institutions by the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC). The STM titles include Geological Magazine, Polar Record, Acta Numerica, Journal of the Australian Mathematical Society, Proceedings of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society and the Journal of Plasma Physics. All the titles and coverage have been added to the ejournals list.
- Following a successful trial, UCL has now launched a new article recommendation service, based on SFX. This works in a similar way to Amazon's "Customers who bought this item also bought..." suggestions. It recommends articles that are similar to the one to which you've linked using SFX.