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1. Book Budgets

Any final spending for the 2010/11 financial year needs to happen very soon. Please get in touch with your subject librarian to discuss any requests.

2. New Reading list system

UCL Library Services will be introducing a new online reading list service during 2011-12. The new service, powered by Aspire, provides a modern, intuitive and attractive means for students to directly access their course readings and also gives UCL academics the freedom to maintain their own reading lists and link them into Moodle. This will replace the existing online reading list system; however the two systems will run in tandem for at least the 2011-12 academic session.

We are currently looking for volunteer academics to act as early adopters of the new system, if you are interested please contact your subject librarian.

Further information, demonstrations and presentations will follow as the project develops.

3. Library Strategy – from Paul Ayris

At the end of May, Library Committee signed off the new Library Strategy for the years 2011-14. There has been widespread consultation with academic Departments on the construction of the Strategy. The Strategy has a number of foci, which are supported by Implementation Plans which map in detail what the Library aims to achieve in the Strategy period.

A number of new IT developments are planned which will support the Student Experience and UCL research activity. The Primo tool, with a Google-type interface for the discovery and delivery of digital content, will be introduced in the summer of 2011. This will provide a front-end for searching with which users,

used to the speed and coverage of a Google search, will be comfortable. At the same time, the Library will introduce a module which will allow academics to compile digital versions of their reading lists and to link to appropriate digital content. The module will interface with Moodle, and will be welcomed by students. Core digital content will be available through the new reading list module 24x7 and the student will be able to access the readings on and off campus.

4. **Bloomsbury Masterplan – from Paul Ayris**

The deadline for responses to the Bloomsbury Masterplan consultation document at http://www.ucl.ac.uk/masterplan/ was 20 May. The Masterplan will then go to UCL Council in June for final signoff. If implemented in its current form, the Masterplan will have significant, and welcome, consequences for UCL Library Services. The plan would see the consolidation of the UCL Main and Science Libraries and UCL Special Collections into the Wilkins Building; this would be the first time that UCL has had a specially-designed Library since the Donaldson Reading Room was opened in the mid-nineteenth century as the College Library. The extended library spaces in the Wilkins Building will allow state of the art reading spaces and Open Access collections, which are a feature of library provision in UCL. The Ground Floor of the Wilkins Building will be opened up and transformed into IT-enabled project and group study spaces – facilities which many students are already requesting. The Learning Laboratory on the Ground Floor of the DMS Watson Building will remain as a student-centred, IT-enabled learning space, with one of the biggest public clusters in UCL.

The Masterplan will have significant consequences for Site Libraries and for Faculties with the creation of Faculty Hubs, which can contain IT-enabled study space. It is not intended to increase the number of Site Libraries, but where Site Libraries exist it would make sense to site the new IT-enabled study spaces alongside library spaces. Detailed discussions will take place between Estates, the Library, colleagues in other UCL support services, and each Faculty to determine how this work will progress.

The Bloomsbury Masterplan presents an important opportunity for UCL Library Services to consolidate its stock and services, and further modernise its provision. It is an exciting opportunity and one which UCL should not miss.

5. **E-Resources**

- UCL now has access to **Nature Communications**, a multidisciplinary journal covering all areas of the biological, physical and chemical sciences. It includes material that isn't represented by a dedicated Nature research journal and in particular, it covers cross-disciplinary fields, such as biophysics, bioengineering, chemical physics and environmental science.

  Access via http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/ejournal/ or direct at http://libproxy.ucl.ac.uk/login?url=http://www.nature.com/ncomms/index.html

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