



## Library MAPS Team contacts

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### 1. Staffing

Gavin Beattie left UCL on 17 February 2012. Lynne Meehan has been appointed as Acting Academic Support Manager until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in the first instance. Temporary cover is being recruited to bring the team up to full strength. For now, any questions, issues, orders or requests for Gavin's departments can be directed to Lynne.

### 2. New E-resource Programme – from Paul Ayris, Director of UCL Library Services

UCL Library Services has been granted a new 3-year funding stream by the UCL SMT to increase its holdings of e-journals, e-books and databases. This is a tremendously important part of the offering that the Library now makes to our staff and students. Looking at the results of the recent returns for the International and Domestic Student Barometer, levels of satisfaction with UCL's offering showed high levels of increase in the area of the digital library. Indeed, the Library's digital offering was one of the most popular services offered across the whole of UCL.

Investing in this success, UCL has agreed a 3-year funding programme to increase the richness of UCL's digital collection. The first tranche of resources will begin to be acquired from January 2012. Over the autumn academics and UCL Library Committee agreed a precise list of titles and resources to be purchased. Your Subject Librarian will be able to tell you which titles will be of interest to your Department and Faculty.

Part of the work undertaken to secure the bid was to benchmark UCL's digital library with other international universities across the globe. The result of UCL's 3-year investment will be to create a UCL digital library which is truly a world beater.

**We are encouraging suggestions for consideration in the 2012/13 tranche of money. We have already contacted departments individually. Please forward all suggestions asap.**

### **3. E-resources for MAPS**

A full list of the first tranche of titles is attached as a separate file. Titles of particular interest to MAPS departments include:

- Complete Nature journals package
- Complete OUP journals package
- Journal of Separation Science
- Safari e-books package
- Science of Synthesis
- SPIE Digital Library

### **4. Postgraduate Skills Training**

The popular postgraduate skills training programme for next term has been set. These sessions are designed specifically for Science and Engineering postgraduates and can be booked via the Graduate School Skills website – [http://courses.grad.ucl.ac.uk/course-details.pht?course\\_ID=1956](http://courses.grad.ucl.ac.uk/course-details.pht?course_ID=1956).

- Search Skills
- Web of Science and Scopus
- Inspec and Compendex
- Reference Manager
- Endnote
- Keeping Ahead and Making an Impact: The 21st Century Researcher

Please remember that Science team can be booked for training sessions for postgraduates, undergraduates and staff, as part of modules or for 1:1 sessions.

### **5. Reading Lists**

We recently held a launch event for our new reading list service. We are now in the process of rolling this out across UCL. If you would like more information about the service, to book a presentation for your department about the service or to arrange a 10 minute 1:1 tutorial to start using the service please get in touch.

### **6. Olympics**

We are currently making arrangements for the Olympic period. There is a possibility that transport in and out of UCL may be restricted. For this reason we are ensuring that our book budgets are spent up earlier than they normally would be. Weeding of collections may also be affected. At the moment the Science Team are planning not to weed any of the MAPs collections this summer. There is renovation work planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> floor (Engineering and Computer Science) of the building between June and July.

## 7. Masterplan developments – from Ben Meunier, Building Projects Officer

- ***Wilkins Building Feasibility Report***

In the vision set out in the UCL Master Plan, the Central Library in the Wilkins building will be a focal space for learning and research across the wide range of UCL's interests including the Medical, Physical and Biological Sciences, Engineering, Arts and Humanities and Social and Historical Sciences. The Science Library, currently accommodated in the DMS Watson building, will move to the Wilkins building.

BDP Architects were appointed in summer 2011 to undertake a Feasibility Study for the Wilkins Building. UCL Library Services and Estates had a progress meeting with the architects in December 2011. The Feasibility Report is due to be reviewed by UCL Estates in January 2012 and will be made available to Library Services once this release has been sanctioned. Planning can then begin on the detailed design of the new and enlarged library footprint, which will be cutting-edge in terms of support students and researchers during their time at UCL.

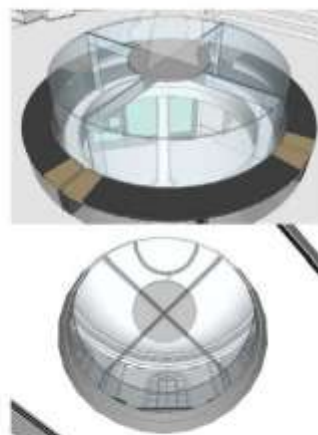
- ***Octagon/Oculus project***

A stunning new glass pedestal is being planned for construction in the Flaxman Gallery in summer 2012. One of the UCL Master Plan's first major schemes to be implemented, the project will open up visual links between the dome, the Main Library and a new exhibition space in the Octagon at ground floor level. Library users will also be able to plug in their laptops on the new circular bench.

UCL Estates are working with Library Services and other departments to minimize disruption. The statue of St Michael is due to be removed, temporarily, during the Easter closure period. Hoardings will go up after Easter, and building works will be completed by the start of the 2012-13 academic year.

UCL - Oculus & Octagon  
Stage C Report - 08 December 2011

Digital Model Views:



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- ***New UCL campus***

In November 2011, UCL announced plans to explore the establishment of a new campus for UCL in the Olympic borough of Newham, in addition to the University's Bloomsbury location: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/news/news-articles/1111/111123-newham-additional-campus>

Library Services is preparing a submission for UCL Estates, to scope library plans for the new campus. Proposals under consideration include a preservation/digitization studio, which would be a joint facility with other UCL departments, increased storage capacity to enable UCL to increase its holdings of Special Collections materials and a new e-publishing facility to support UCL's Open Access mandate.

## **8. Open Access Developments – from UCL Publications Board**

- ***New journal publishing software available for use by UCL researchers***

UCL has developed its own software platform to support academic colleagues who wish to publish their own journals. This new development has been made possible with JISC funding and is being successfully tested with the Journal of Bentham Studies (see <http://ojs.lib.ucl.ac.uk/index.php/jbs>). The software scheme is known as overlay journal software. The UCL repository, UCL Discovery (see <http://discovery.ucl.ac.uk>), is the storage platform in which the full-text of the articles to be published are stored. A presentation layer sits on top of UCL Discovery and allows the academic editors of the journal to select papers and publish issues of the journal in the normal way. The resulting journal is an e-only journal, meaning that it is available in electronic form alone. It is also available in Open Access, which means that it is freely available to anyone, anywhere in the world, with a connection to the Internet. The content in the Journal will be digitally curated, which means that long-term access to the digital content will be guaranteed.

There is no charge for using this service, which is offered by UCL Library Services to support research, knowledge transfer and public engagement in UCL. This is an important new service. If you are interested, or would like a demonstration of the new software tools, please contact [p.ayris@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:p.ayris@ucl.ac.uk).

- ***Recovery of Open Access publishing costs***

Academic colleagues should be reminded that they can recover costs for Open Access publishing from research council grants. These costs can be recovered whilst the grant is still active. It should be noted that it is not possible to recover publication costs once the grant has ceased. If colleagues require more information on how to claim Open Access publication costs, they should contact the relevant Subject. Special arrangements are in place for meeting the Open Access publication costs of those academic colleagues who are funded by the Wellcome Trust. Please contact [catherine.sharp@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:catherine.sharp@ucl.ac.uk) in UCL Library Services for details of the Wellcome's funding scheme.