



Library MAPS Team contacts

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For up-to-date news see our blog, Library News for Science and Engineering at <http://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/library-sci-eng/>, or follow us on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/ UCLsciencelib](http://twitter.com/UCLsciencelib)

1. Book Budgets

The allocations for the 2011/12 book budgets have now been finalized. The totals are the same as last year, with a few small increases in growing subject areas. Please continue to send all book suggestions and reading lists to your Subject Librarian.

2. Opening hours

The Science Library is now open until 22.30 on Fridays (extended from 19.00). Additionally we aim to extend the 24-hour opening period by a week, and to address a long-term issue for postgraduate students by opening at weekends over the summer vacation.

3. Science Library – moves and refurbishments

The Science Library has seen a number of moves and refurbishments over the summer.

- Computer Science books and journals have moved to the 4th floor with the other Engineering materials.
- Physics books have moved to the old Computer Science location in the Physical Sciences Reading Room on the 3rd floor.
- The old Physics room has been converted into two new group study rooms, which are bookable in the same way as the popular group study pods on the ground floor.
- New desks and chairs have been installed in several reading rooms including all the rooms on the third floor.
- All desks in the Science Library now have a power point to enable readers to charge their laptops.

4. ReadingLists@UCL

Our new reading lists service has launched at <http://readinglists.ucl.ac.uk/>. All academics are encouraged to use the service, which links to Moodle, the library catalogue and directly to electronic resources. Please contact your Subject Librarian for further details.

5. Induction and Training

Induction was busy and successful. All students in MAPS were given the opportunity to have a Library tour or induction and take-up was good. Training sessions will continue throughout the term. The team is available to offer training on finding information resources, referencing, plagiarism, databases and other related topics. Please get in touch with your Subject Librarian to arrange a session. Students tell us how useful they find the training, so please encourage everyone to attend and even consider making it a compulsory part of a course.

6. UCL Explore

Explore is our new one-stop service for the discovery and delivery of printed and electronic resources. It allows users to search the library catalogue and a range of our electronic resources and delivers item information, request services, full text or metadata as appropriate to the resource and the user. Please try it out at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/explore/>.

Explore will be enhanced further during the academic year 2011/2012 and we welcome your feedback as part of the development process.

7. Postgraduate Skills Training

The popular postgraduate skills training programme is now underway. 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.

Sessions for this term are:

- Web of Science
- Inspec & Compendex
- Which Reference Management Tool to Use
- Reference Manager
- Endnote
- Current Awareness
- Making Web 2.0 Work for You

8. Knovel University Challenge

Knovel is one of the key databases at UCL. It is a collection of textbooks and data tables across the sciences and engineering. The Knovel University Challenge is currently underway and it is a great way to introduce students to this important resource. It is a simple multiple choice contest and there are prizes including an iPad 2 and \$500 cash. It should only take 5 minutes to complete, so please encourage your students to enter at www.knoveluniversitychallenge.com or via Facebook at www.facebook.com/Knovel.

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