FACULTY OF MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES
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1. Budgets

Book budgets have re-opened for the new academic year. There has been an approximate 3.5% cut to the book budgets to meet budget requirements.

2. Reading lists

We added all year 1 reading lists for MAPs departments for the beginning of this academic year. Looking at individual course statistics these are regularly being used by the students for accessing material. During the course of this year we would like all Moodle courses to be updated with the reading list link, academics to take over ownership of the lists, as well as moving onto the Year 2 lists.

3. Opening Hours

Please note an important and welcome change to our opening hours over the Christmas break to come. UCL traditionally closes down for the best part of two weeks over Christmas and new year. This year we are opening the Main and Science Libraries (for reference only) for 6 days during this time. Please see http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/opening.shtml for details of the new hours.

4. Skills training

We ran over 90 induction and training sessions during the first week of term and are continuing to deliver courses for undergraduates and postgraduates throughout this term in collaboration with departments. We are also delivering skills training via the Graduate School, covering topics such as search skills, plagiarism, reference management, bibliometrics and web resources for postgraduates. More information on the postgraduate training can be found at http://courses.grad.ucl.ac.uk/course-details.pht?course_ID=1956. If you would like more information please get in touch.

5. Explore

Over the summer we changed our catalogue default to Explore. Explore is UCL Library Services' search tool for finding journals, books, full-text articles, archive material and much, much more. Whether you're looking for items on your reading list or information for a project or research, you'll find it in Explore and you get instant access to any full-text we subscribe to.

If you feel you need some help getting the most of out Explore, go to http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/explore-help.shtml. If you have any comments about Explore, please let us know at http://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/library-development/

6. Open Access

The Government's endorsement of the Finch Report, and the new RCUK (Research Councils UK) policy on Open Access to its funded research outputs will have a significant affect on the future of scholarly publishing, with a new emphasis on Gold Open Access publishing. The Vice-Provost (Research)'s Office is modelling the impact of these policy developments, supported by the Director of Library Services. Guidance will be issued to academic Departments, Faculties and Schools on how to proceed in this new external policy environment.

Library services held Open Access Information Sessions during Open Access Week (22nd-28th October). If you would like more information about Open Access or UCL Discovery please contact your subject librarian.

7. New E-resources

I am happy to let you know that the library has recently purchased some new electronic resources.
Compendex backfiles (1884-1969)
Digital National Security Archive
Documents on British Policy Overseas
IEEE Wiley ebooks
Nature Archive 1869-1949
Scientific American Archive + Supplement & Builders Archive Collection
Springer backfiles
Springer Protocols
Web of Knowledge Science Citation Index (1900-1944)

We are also in the process of updating our e-resource wishlist. Departments should have been contacted by their subject librarian regarding this. If you have any requests to be added to the wishlist, please contact Lynne Meehan asap.