



### Library MAPS Team contact

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### RFID

Several years ago, the Library introduced Self-Issue and Self-Return facilities, using Radio-Frequency tagging, in the UCL Science and Eastman Dental Institute Information Centre. In 2013, RFID was introduced into the Cruciform Library. With support from UCL, this technology will now be rolled out across all libraries in UCL. The first to receive this new equipment will be the UCL Main Library, the UCL Bartlett Library, the UCL Institute of Archaeology Library and the UCL Language and Speech Science Library. This represents the start of a multi-year plan to introduce RFID technology across the UCL family of libraries.

The new self-service facility replaces existing technology and allows a much faster and more efficient process for users, cuts down on queues at the desk and frees up staff time to answer enquiries, provide front-line help and other support. It represents a substantial commitment by UCL Library Services to supporting UCL staff and students in a modern library, learning and research environment.

The introduction of this technology supports 24-hr opening in the Library, as students and researchers can borrow material at any time the Library is open.

### Opening Hours

For the Main & Science libraries, funding is in place to allow 24 hour opening to continue over the summer break i.e. summer vacation 2014. Last year's big improvement was to open at weekends over the summer.

A new bid is being worked on and, for the Main Library, if funding were forthcoming it would mean that the Library would move from its current '24/5' weekday pattern, to genuine 24/7 provision around the week, with staffed services throughout.

The Library would open ,at least for reference ,on public holidays and on several current UCL 'closed' days at Christmas and Easter, to get as close to the '365' in 24/7/365 as we currently can.

At present it is not known when the outcome of that bid will be received.

### **Food and Drink in the Library**

Having spoken to Library Services Manager, Health & Safety Officer and the ISD the general opinion is that the problem is much improved with far less spillages over materials and keyboards as users do not try to hide cups of coffee etc. Students appear to be using the designated areas for lunching and consuming only cold snacks when they do.

### **Information Skills Training**

Information Skills training has taken place to the usual time table, but with extra graduate sessions being arranged and delivered by subject librarians.

### **Digital Reading Lists**

These continue to be added, at the last count BEAMS had approximately 307 added. Students have been very positive about the seamless linking and access to full text articles, e-books and other resources 24 hours a day.

The UCL Library Teaching Learning and Support Section is keen to add as many lists as possible and will provide every support. At present they are able to help with the initial inputting should you wish. Contact email is: [readinglists@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:readinglists@ucl.ac.uk) or visit <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/reading> lists or your subject librarian can advise.