



24/7 Library opening

The Library will be open 24/7 during revision and examination times on the following dates:

- 4th May – 19th June 2009

This is the third year that the Library has extended the opening hours and it has proved very popular. On one night in June 2008, there were over 600 people still in the Library at midnight.

Library does well in student surveys

The Library is delighted with the results from two separate student surveys. In the Times Higher Education Experience survey, the library was rated highly by its students which contributed towards Loughborough winning the Time Higher best student experience award for the third year running. Loughborough University Library was allocated a score of 6.5, which makes the Library 2nd in the ranking of university libraries. The highest university library score (6.6) went to Oxford.

The University also benefits from the surveys undertaken by the International Graduate Insight Group (i-graduate). In its Autumn 2008 survey, the following results have been issued:

- UK based students in 24 universities ranked Loughborough University Library the highest.
- International students in 81 universities across the world, rated Loughborough University Library 15th out of 81.
- The Library was ranked highest amongst the 12 universities that are part of the '1994 Group' (<http://www.1994group.ac.uk/>).

The Library appreciates the support from its users and will do its utmost to earn a similar response in future.

A message from the University Librarian

I am retiring at the end of May, after 12 years as University Librarian, and am delighted to have this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to all users of the Library's services. One of the most rewarding aspects of my job has been the constant interaction with University students and staff, and I am very grateful to you all for the interest you have shown in the Library, and for your part in helping us to develop and improve our services on your behalf. In particular, I'd like to thank the successive LSU Executives and departmental Library Liaison Officers with whom it has always been a pleasure to work.

My successor, Ms Ruth Jenkins, currently Head of Academic Services at the University of Nottingham Information Services, takes up her new post on 1 June, and I am sure you join me in wishing Ruth every success at Loughborough.



Mary Morley

Research centres' use of Library

During 2008, Loughborough University Library completed a detailed study on how research centres used information in their investigation. The report of this work is entitled 'Use of University Library by research centres' and is now available at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/about/Objectives.html>.

Useful information and intelligence has been gained from this survey to inform the development of future library services.

New e-resources in the Library

In the past few months the Library has continued to extend and improve the range and extent of resources it provides electronically. The following can all be accessed through the Library:

- **Increased number of journal titles:** agreements have been signed with various publishers so that the number of e-journals available from Loughborough has increased to 16,000.
- **Historical information:** The *British Periodicals Collections I & II* is now taken, which is a unique digital archive. Consists of almost 500 periodical runs published from the 1680s to the 1930s.
- **Improved access to sport journal articles:** the subscription to *SportDiscus* has been extended to include the full-text of selected articles.
- **Rock music writing:** *Rock's Backpages* is now available. An online database of rock music writing, with material dating from the early 1960s to the present day.
- **BFI electronic resources:** the Library gives access to the following BFI resources : *BFI Creative Archive* (free video clips), *BFI Mediatheque* (short films, feature-length films) and *BFI Screenonline* (synopses, cast and credit lists of film and television).

Library 'Know-How' courses

The following information literacy and study skills (Know-How) courses are being run in the Library over the next few months. If you would like to attend any of them, please see the Library web pages at

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library/skills/workshops.html>

Date	Course Title
Tue 5 May	Making your point (report writing)
Thu 7 May	Cracking the literature: writing it up
Fri 8 May	Focus your reading
Tue 12 May	Deciphering your notes
Thu 14 May	Speaking your mind (giving talks)
Fri 15 May	References & citations explained
Mon 18 May	Excelling in your exams
Thu 21 May	Could do better (revision skills)

House and Home exhibition

The Library is hosting an exhibition entitled: 'House and Home: Books on Domestic Architecture, Furniture and the Decorative Arts from the David Lewis Collection'. The display features the 3rd edition of Thomas Chippendale's hugely influential 'The gentleman and cabinet-maker's director', and a first edition of Laurence Weaver's 'Houses and Garden's by E.L. Lutyens', a beautiful book on the work of this celebrated British Architect.

The David Lewis Collection contains books and journals acquired by the University Library and its predecessors over the past 70 years.



Image from the exhibition.

Top ten downloaded journals for 2008

The top ten downloaded Loughborough University Library journals for 2008 are detailed below (in reverse order):

- 10th: *Journal of Sound and Vibration* (3274 downloads)
- 9th: *The Analyst* (3323)
- 8th: *Polymer* (3412)
- 7th: *Journal of Membrane Science* (3473)
- 6th: *Appetite* (3984)
- 5th: *Journal of Sports Sciences* (4814)
- 4th: *Physical Review Online Archive* (5042)
- 3rd: *Journal of Applied Physiology* (5789)
- 2nd: *Medicine & Science In Sport & Exercise* (5795)
- 1st: *Applied Ergonomics* (5859)

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