

Open Day Library Tour

1. Our tour starts at the Library entrance gates, just ahead of you as you come in to the Library building. The gates will automatically open as you approach them; please just walk through to begin your tour. The tour takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.
2. The University has one central Library, with stock to support all the subjects taught at the University. We have 360,000 printed books, 200 current print journal titles, more than 24,000 electronic journals and over 440,000 e-books. We also provide access to more than 90 electronic databases, used to search for information in books, journals and other publications. The building is open 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year and our electronic resources are available to users both on and off campus.
3. Facing the back of the Library walk ahead and to your right, towards the Library Issue Desk and our self-issue machines. Library staff are available at the Desk from 9am-7pm Mon-Fri and 10am-5pm at weekends during semesters. Students can borrow up to 30 books at a time using the self-issue machines, available 24 hours a day.
4. Continue walking to the back of the Library, past our newspaper and language DVD collections. You will see our Copy and Print department. The Library has ten photocopiers, including dedicated colour photocopiers. All the photocopiers double-up as printers and can be used to scan documents. They are available 24 hours a day with staff available to help, 9am-5pm during weekdays.
6. Continue along the back of the library and you will find the entrance to a group study room and our Assistive Technology room in the right hand corner. The AT room is available for use exclusively by students who have been granted access by Disability Services. It contains hardware and software to support these students.
7. Now head towards the Computer Services (CS) Help Desk near the west stairwell. Staff at the CS helpdesk are available Mon-Fri to help with any IT enquiries.
8. Continue past the lift block towards the west stairwell. Our tour continues on Level 4 (you are now on Level 2) so please head up the stairs, then through the doors onto the floor, or take the lift directly to Level 4.
9. If you came up the stairs you will enter the floor in the PC area. If you took the lift, turn left out of the lift doors then left again into the PC area. We have over 500 PCs in the Library located at the front of the upper floors, and sockets for laptops in other study areas. The whole building is wireless enabled.

10. Walk to the far end of the PC area on the east side of building. Here you will see a quiet study area and a bookable student workroom for groups. We have another bookable workroom on Level 1 and non-bookable group workrooms on Levels 2 and 3. The Library has study space for 1420 students, zoned into silent, quiet and group study areas. L4 and L3 are quiet study floors and L5 is a silent study floor.

11. Now walk towards the back of the floor passing the east stairwell and go through the door to the area where you can see book shelves. On Level 4 we have books and journals for science, medicine and sport. Throughout the Library books are arranged numerically by shelf mark and the journals alphabetically by title within general subject areas. Please feel free to browse but please remember that many of our resources are available online and you will only have access to electronic resources when you become a student at the University of Bath. *Optional: drop by Research Services & Archives at NE corner of L4.*

12. Walk round the back of the floor then along the west side of the building to see some of our quiet study areas. Reaching the front of the floor again, by the west stairwell you will see Library staff offices. Each Academic Department has a Subject Librarian, who is responsible for Library services for that Department. Subject Librarians run information skills training sessions for students and are available on the floors for immediate help and advice. Each floor also has an Information Point where Librarians can assist with general enquiries, 9am-5pm during the week.

13. Opposite the staff offices you will see some of our Library catalogue terminals. These are available on every floor and are used to find details of all the Library's print and electronic materials. Feel free to try a search!

14. If you have time, head up the west staircase, or take the lift to see Level 5. Level 5 holds stock for social sciences, management and languages. Again, there is a PC area at the front of the floor, with staff offices, study areas, books and journals at the back. There are great views on a sunny day from the front of Level 5!

15. Head past the new L5 study room and down the east staircase, or take the lift again to Level 2. On the way down you will pass Level 3 which has material to support architecture and engineering – as well as the Language Learning Zone which provides support for language learning, to all students. Feel free to have a look round. From the east staircase, you can continue down to Level 1, which has more study spaces, a training room, a bookable workroom, and will soon feature a new 150 seater student workroom.

16. The Library tour ends on Level 2. If you would like more information about the Library, please visit our stand at the Information Fair or visit: www.bath.ac.uk/library.