

Library Newsletter

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Longest ever opening hours

Bedford and Founder's Libraries have even longer opening hours for this academic year. Each library will be opening for 115 hours per week during term-time, longer than ever before. We will open our doors earlier during the week – 8am instead of 8.30am – giving you more time to study before early lectures and seminars. And, the libraries will close later on Friday evenings – 9pm instead of 8pm.

During the Spring Term in 2013, Bedford Library will be open 24 hours on 5 days per week - from Sunday 8.30am through to Friday 9pm. On Saturdays, Bedford Library will stay open from 8.30am to 9pm. This will lead to full 24/7 opening during the exam period from Monday 22 April.

Full details of our opening hours can be found on the Library website.

More Books

We always want to make sure that all the books you need are available to you in the library. To help us do this we have launched the "More Books" campaign. If we don't have a book, which is on your reading list, or which you need for your studies, either fill in a form in either of the libraries on campus, or submit a request through our website, and we'll purchase books to fulfil all suggestions that will enhance our teaching collections. To find out more about the "More Books" campaign visit the library website (<http://www.rhul.ac.uk/library/morebooks.aspx>) our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter (@rhul_library).



More IT help available in Bedford Library

We are always striving to improve our services for our Library users. With this in mind, we now have IT staff stationed in Bedford Library to assist with all your IT queries. To accommodate the IT staff, and to make our Library enquiries service more visible, we have relocated the Enquiries/Laptop Support office to room 2-01 (next to the rear stairs in Bedford Library). We hope that bringing these services in to one centralised location will mean we can deal with your enquiries more effectively. Feel free to drop into room 2-01 with any library, IT or laptop enquiries during opening hours and we'll be happy to help.

Where is ...?



Over the summer vacation we created more space for new DVDs, CDs and Short Loan books in Founder's Library. As a result, some collections have been moved within Founder's Library: many of the videos are now located in the basement, and the collection of MA dissertations has been moved to the opposite wall of the Founder's Library basement. If you're not sure where to find any items you are looking for, please ask at the helpdesk.

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Open Access Week – “Put Your Research on the Map”



The week beginning 22nd October was International Open Access Week, and this year the Library's Digital Collections and Research Information Team hosted a lunch event for PhD students. "Put Your Research on the Map" featured speakers from the Centre for Research Communications and Royal Holloway who spoke about the changing publishing environment, the difference Open Access can make to publishing and finding research, using social media to promote your research profile and

Royal Holloway English Department's Open Access journal Exegesis. Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions about Open Access over lunch. The event was very popular, and we are looking into hosting another event so those who were unable to make it can come along and meet the team. Follow us (@OpenRHUL) on Twitter to find out more.

Don't forget, academic staff and research students can tweet the team @OpenRHUL or email rho@rhul.ac.uk to find out more about Open Access at Royal Holloway.

Pay your library fines online

You can now pay any overdue charges online using the print top up website. Simply follow the links on the library and IT webpages or visit: <https://printing.rhul.ac.uk/webcentre/>

Log in with your RHUL IT username and password and you can use a debit or credit card to top up your account (minimum top up of £5). Funds can then be transferred to your library account. If you would like any information about this, please ask at the library helpdesks..

Library Charter

The start of 'Welcome Week' saw the launch of the new library charter. The aim of the charter is to encourage the Library community of staff and students to work together more closely and enhance both Bedford and Founder's Libraries as stimulating and welcoming places to study.

The full charter is displayed prominently in both libraries, accompanied by colourful posters displayed across both libraries. The eye-catching posters encourage our library users to keep each area for the purpose it is designed for. So, keep enjoying using our libraries, keep an eye out for our informative guidelines and above all, keep things considerate for everyone in our library community.

Roy Waters Theatre Collection launched



Royal Holloway Archives hosted a very successful evening on Tuesday 16th October to launch the newly catalogued Roy Waters Theatre Collection, acquired by the University in 2010.

During a workshop prior to the evening reception participants enjoyed hands on access to original items of theatrical ephemera from the collection. Attendees included staff from the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Bodleian Library, as well as students, academics, and friends of Roy Waters.

The evening reception, attended by almost seventy people, gave guests an overview of the collection and celebrated its creator, Roy Waters, as well as its new accessibility to researchers via the online catalogue. John Tuck (Director of Library Services), Gilli Bush-Bailey (Director of Theatre Development) and David Robinson (film critic and friend of Roy Waters), all regaled the audience with their memories of Roy Waters. Adele Allen, project archivist for the collection, picked out highlights from her cataloguing, while Gilli Bush-Bailey spoke about the future of Roy's ephemera as part of an AHRC funded Collaborative Doctoral Award, 'Private Passions, Public Archive: Approaches to the private collector and the private collection in public theatre archives' which will be supervised by Gilli Bush-Bailey, in collaboration with the V&A's curator Kate Dorney.

An exhibition accompanying the event gave an insight into the variety of material in the collection, with items including signed letters from actors, satirical prints, programmes, photographs and a script annotated for performance.

Your feedback

We value your feedback about the Library Service and please continue to let us know what you think, or make a book suggestion, by using the feedback form on the website: www.rhul.ac.uk/app/library/feedback/

Alternatively, please post your comments in one of the feedback boxes, which are located in the reception area of both Bedford and Founder's Libraries.

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