

Library News

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Library Survey 2007.

The library survey of 2007 raised both positive and negative issues for the library. Library staff at the Postgraduate Library, Dame Street received a 92 percent approval rating in terms of their helpfulness. Library staff at the Undergraduate Library, Aungier Street received an 88 percent approval rating in terms of their helpfulness.

Issues of concern for students included the speed of the WI FI, printing facilities and noise levels in the library. These issues have now been addressed. Additional routers have been installed which have significantly improved the speed of the WI FI. Wireless printing at Aungier Street has also been introduced. It is already available at the Postgraduate Library, Dame Street. Instead of saving work to a memory stick, students can now print directly from their laptop in the same way that they can from library PCs. We are also working with the suppliers of the printing system to ensure that it operates to its maximum effectiveness. A noise policy has also been introduced in line with other academic libraries.

Staff Profile

Dave Hughes- Postgraduate Librarian Dame Street.

David's first degree was in Molecular Biology, followed up by a Masters degree by research in Developmental Genetics (trying to understand how fruit fly eggs turned into fruit flies). After that he spent time as a computer programmer before joining a company that produced content for electronic databases, originally starting as indexer (assigning key words and phrases that summarise the content of an article), before rising to the position of production manager. David then moved to the Civil Service as an Information Scientist and Analyst. As well as being responsible for (internal) database content and editing abstract and Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) publications, David also analysed databases to examine research trends in areas of interest to the Government. Realising that a qualification in librarianship would help his career development, David did a Masters in Library and Information Studies at UCD, where his thesis, on the quality of databases used by Library and Information Studies researchers, helped secure him the John Dean medal for the best performance by a mature student in either the Higher Diploma or the Masters in LIS. David's library interests include information literacy and naturally enough electronic resources.

Library week 2007

The number of students attending Library Week increased in 2007. Classes were held on a variety of subjects such as electronic resources, essay writing, referencing and plagiarism. The classes held on essay writing and plagiarism, were particularly popular. Starting in the next academic year September 2007, plans are under way to extend these classes to sessions held on an on-going basis throughout the year. Details

will be available on the student intranet at the start of the academic year. They will also be sign-posted throughout the college.

Database Trials

We are currently running two database trials in the library:

1) Ebsco.

Ebsco is a host platform to a variety of databases. It is extremely user friendly. The trial offers access to the following databases:

PEP Archive
PsycINFO
PsycARTICLES
Humanities International Complete
Psychology and Behavioural Sciences Collection

To access the trial please go to: <http://search.ebschost.com>

Logins details are available at the library desk. Tel: 01-4177572. A great support site with a flash tutorial can be found at <http://support.ebscohost.com>.

2) Lexis Nexis Professional

LexisNexis Professional is a powerful on-line research tool offering a wealth of news, company, legal, market research and directory sources. In total it contains over 33,000 sources. To access the trial please go to:

<http://www.lexis-nexis.com/professional>

Login details are available at the library desk. Please contact 01-4177572.

New databases

Subscriptions to new databases are currently being organised. One is to PepWeb also known as PepArchive. PepArchive is currently on trial in the library. Please see the section on database trials above for further information. PepWeb or PepArchive is a psychoanalysis database. It provides access to the full text of the 24 volumes of Freud's Complete Psychological Works. It also provides access to 18 psychoanalysis journals. A subscription to Lexis Nexis Professional is also being organised. Lexis Nexis Professional is a predominately legal database. This is also on trial in the library. Please see the section on trial databases above for further information. Once the subscriptions have been processed we will notify all academic staff and students. We will also provide full training and set up links on the library website and student intranet.

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