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Library Newsletter

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Library News & Events

Library Opening Hours

For the first two weeks in December both Aungier St. Library and Dame St. Library will open at the earlier time of 9am.



The Library will be closed from Friday 21st of December for the Christmas holidays, to the 1st January 2008 inclusive.

DBS Library would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff and students a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Reminder: Exam Period Opening

Sunday 2nd December: 11am-5pm

Sunday 9th December: 11am-5pm

Sunday 6th January: 11am-5pm

Library Committee Meeting

The Library Committee was established in April 2006. Its first meeting was also held in April 2006. The meeting provides a valuable forum for staff and students to discuss issues and problems relating to the provision of library services.

At the first meeting, students requested that dedicated print stations be established in the Library and that increased quantities of supplementary texts be purchased. Academic staff requested that more texts of relevance to Ireland be acquired. These issues have now been addressed.

At the latest meeting in November, issues discussed included the new e-Book collection and access to Portobello library. Eddie Ormonde, the IT Manager also discussed improvements that are being made to IT Services.

Portobello Library Catalogue



The Portobello Library catalogue is now accessible from the DBS Library Website. Please click on the Heritage icon underneath the Portobello College logo on the right hand side of the DBS Library web page. [Access to the Emerald database has also been set up for Portobello students.](#)

Resources Update

New Database Trials through EBSCO

Three new databases are accessible through EBSCO for a trial period:



- Computers & Applied Sciences Complete
- Film & Television Literature Index
- Communication & Mass Media Complete

To access the databases, log on to EBSCO in the usual way, and click on the 'Trial access...' link at the bottom of the list of available databases.

MINTEL Trial.

The MINTEL database contains Irish market research reports. The trial commences Tuesday 4th December. To access the trial: please consult the Library Website under *off campus* databases.

Britannica Online Trial Extended

Due to the success of Britannica online (<http://www.search.eb.com>), the trial has been extended until Christmas. See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Academic_use for a detailed explanation of why it is not recommended to use Wikipedia for academic referencing.

Recommended Titles

**Emilie Jost: Acquisitions Librarian,
Aungier Street**

Allan, Stuart: *Online news* Maidenhead: Open University Press, 2006 (copies available in Aungier Street Library)

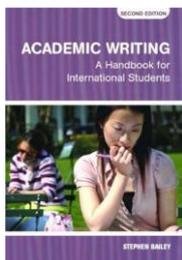


Online News offers insights into key debates concerning the ways in which journalism is evolving on the internet. Starting by analyzing a speech by Rupert Murdoch in 2005, Stuart Allan takes on the idea that “[a] dramatic revolution [is] taking place in the news industry today” and shows how online news gradually becomes conventionalised.

Analysing the reporting of some major news events such as the Clinton-Lewinsky affair, the September 11 attacks, and the war in Iraq, Allan shows how online news has emerged, and how blogging, participatory journalism of news sites and citizen journalist reporting have an impact on journalism as a profession.

David Hughes: Postgraduate Librarian

Bailey, Stephen. *Academic writing: a handbook for international students*



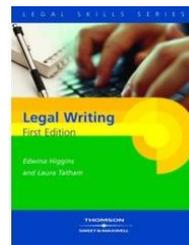
Essay, assignment and dissertation writing can be problematic for international students for whom English is a second language. Stephen Bailey’s “Academic writing : a handbook for international students”

has been written to help international students improve the quality of their academic writing. The book contains sections on avoiding plagiarism, planning essays and referencing your sources. A number of different writing models are detailed including formal letters, CVs and essays. Practical exercises are provided for the student to test the improvement in their writing. Five copies of the book are available for postgraduate student usage in the Dame St. library. Read this book to improve your grades!

Jane Buggle: Law Librarian, Portobello College

Walter, Lesley. *Student skills handbook for first year LLB students 2007-2008* Portobello College Law Department, 2007

Higgins, Edwina and Tatham, Laura. *Successful legal writing (5th Edition)* London: Thomson Sweet & Maxwell, 2006 (copies available in Portobello College Library)



Studying law is a daunting undertaking. It necessitates the learning of a whole new set of skills such as negotiating arrays of legal materials, much signposted only by acronyms, and learning how to write lucidly in legalese in order to score highly in legal assignments.

Lesley Walter, Portobello College Law Department, has produced a comprehensive handbook on legal skills for LLB 1 students, (copies available in the lobby of Harbour House). She recommends that this be read in conjunction with Higgins’ and Tatham’s excellent guide to legal writing.