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Library Newsletter

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Library News & Events

Library Opening Hours

Aungier Street Library is now open from 9am from Monday-Friday. The Library will continue to open at 9:30am on Saturdays.

Circulation Changes

Week Loan titles can now be borrowed by all students. Restricted Access titles have been moved from the short loan area, and are now available at the main issue desk. The Short Loan Area will still contain 3 Day Loan and Week Loan books / exam papers.

Information Literacy

We would like to remind academic staff that Library staff are available to deliver information on using Library resources, databases and research methods in the classroom setting if required. Please contact the Library for more information.

Resources Update

New EBSCO Trials



Business Source Complete and **Academic Search Complete** are now accessible through EBSCO (currently the Library subscribes to the *Premier* versions). The databases offer full text coverage of 1,500 additional journal titles compared with BSP & ASP.

The databases also contain a large selection of Industry and Market reports. BSC also contains over 600 full text books, including some core texts.

New EJS Journal Listing

A new listing of print journal holdings as well as journals available via online databases is now available at <http://ejournals.ebsco.com/>

EJS allows users to access all journal subscriptions from a single access point.

Please contact the Library for password details of our trials.

New Westlaw Content



The following additional content is now available through Westlaw:

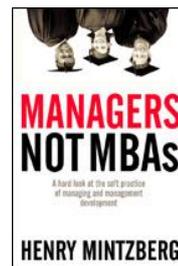
- Irish Law Times Reports (ILTR's) 1867 - 1980
- European Human Rights Reports (Sweet and Maxwell)
- Human Rights Law Reports (Sweet and Maxwell)
- Tottel Tax Cases
- Hibernian Law Journal

Recommended Titles

Managers not MBAs by Henry Mintzberg (658.00711 MIN – Dame St Library)

Review by Laura Rooney, Postgraduate Library

'You can't create a leader in a classroom' is management guru Henry Mintzberg's response to the growing gap between academic management theory and the art and practice of management on the ground.



In 'Managers not MBAs; a hard look at the soft practice of managing and management development' Mintzberg provides a follow up to his 1973 book 'The nature of managerial work' in which he actively observed the practices of managers in their workplaces. His goal now is to transform management education programmes. He charges MBA programmes and management education in particular with over emphasizing theory, case study and quantitative technique at the expense of hands on skills. He details how conventional management education is geared toward the inexperienced and promotes the notion that an MBA equals a licence to manage; a notion that has a corrosive effect on management and organizations.

His solution is the development of management skills based on real experience and management education which maintains a balance of theory and hands-on application.

This book offers some valuable advice to managers, educators and MBA students and provides workable solutions for the creation of competent, capable managers.

Wang, Wallace

Visual Basic 2005 Express: Now Playing
San Francisco: No Starch Press, 2006

(Review by Jane Buggle, Librarian, Portobello)

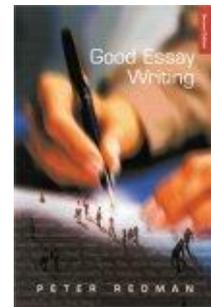
Wallace Wang has written an excellent one-stop guide to Visual Basic 2005 Express. Aimed at the complete novice, Wang first explains general computer programming concepts and principles and then introduces us to BASIC programming and to Visual Basic 2005 in particular. He guides us in easy-to-follow steps through the process of creating a Visual Basic Program. Every step is clearly explained and simply illustrated with screen shots throughout. Even when explaining complicated data structures and advanced methodologies, the same ease of approach is maintained. Wang also moonlights as a successful stand up comic. Certainly his

communication skills impress in this excellent primer. Also included are two CDs: the first contains a full version of Microsoft VB 2005 Express Edition, while the second provides superb support material such as sample programs and Flash movie tutorials.

Good Essay Writing – A Social Sciences Guide by Peter Redman (808.02 RED)

Review by Michelle Dalton, Aungier St. Library

This short but comprehensive book contains a useful guide for students covering all stages of essay-writing. The author introduces the topic by firstly examining what is distinctive about writing a social science



essay compared with academic writing in general.

The book then progresses to explain the different stages involved in the writing process and how best to communicate and structure an argument. The section on writing introductions is particularly helpful and provides for when a short, or alternatively a longer, introduction may be required.

Good Essay Writing also includes a concise and easy-to-follow section on referencing, as well as other common problems faced by students (including plagiarism and essay presentation). The book concludes with two different samples of student essays alongside appropriate constructive commentary from the author.