The Library has recently completed a consultation with our users, particularly students, to engage them in the formulation and development of a new Library strategy. This was done both through post-it boards at all the libraries, as well as online. A total of 215 responses were received and the Library Management Group were impressed with the number and range of responses. Redwan Shahid, QMSU VP Education, provided fantastic help with the consultation, encouraging students to respond and seeking feedback about the strategy from the Education Zone, a meeting held by Redwan to discuss the campaigns he’s been working on and to plan action for the year ahead. Engagement will continue with discussion at the Library User Forum on 6 February.

Kate Price, University Librarian, will provide a summary of the engagement responses to the next Education Quality and Standards Board (EQSB) meeting in February. We are very much hoping that the strategy is approved by EQSB so we can formally launch it and begin broader engagement, promotion and dialogue within QMUL.
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In order to support students who study at West Smithfield, the Library will again be open for eight weekends around the medical exam periods.

- 16 & 17 February
- 23 & 24 February
- 2 & 3 March
- 9 & 10 March
- 4 & 5 May
- 11 & 12 May
- 18 & 19 May
- 25 & 26 May

Please keep an eye on the library website for further details.

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The Library has recently set up access to a number of new resources:

- Two new journal collections from Taylor & Francis – Science & Technology Library (+500 journals) and Social Science & Humanity Library (+1,400 journals). These will give access to our users to over 1,900 new journals, and should cover almost all titles published by T&F in the Humanities & Social Sciences and Science & Engineering fields. You can find a title list and more information about the Science & Technology Library at https://tinyurl.com/ProquestST and about the Social Science & Humanity Library at https://tinyurl.com/ProquestHSS

- Faculti Art Archives aims to communicate research in video format in an accessible language. There are talks from experts on visual arts, theatre, performance, fashion and many other subjects.

- Combat Films is a collection of documentaries. Some of the most recent films include Unfortunate Brothers: Korea’s Reunification Dilemma, a documentary examining the difficult political situation on the Korean Peninsula.

- Dimensions is a data research platform with 140 million grants, publications, clinical trials, patents and policy documents with 4 billion connections.

These resources can all be accessed through the Library’s E-Journals & Databases list.

The gallery at West Smithfield Library has now fully re-opened following concerns over the height and stability of the gallery hand rail. After a health & safety risk assessment, and a review of the current condition of the hand rail, the go ahead was given to re-open the gallery level fully. Please be aware that the rail is very low by modern standards, so please take care when using the gallery area and do not sit on or lean over the rail.
Spotlight on … the Library teams

Find out more about the teams that are part of Library Services, what they do, and how to get in touch

Resources & Collections

The Resources & Collections Team facilitate the purchase of new library resources, both print and electronic, and help with any issues in accessing these resources.

Get in touch:

To request new resources
library-acquisitions@qmul.ac.uk (academic staff)
https://tinyurl.com/QMULBookRequest (students)

For help with e-resources
https://tinyurl.com/QMULeresources ejournals@qmul.ac.uk

For reading lists
library-rlo@qmul.ac.uk

The Teaching and Learning Support Team provide information literacy teaching and support through presentations and workshops, drop-ins, one-to-one support, and online learning tools.

There have recently been a number of staffing changes within the team, but you can always contact the team using the details below.

Get in touch:

Humanities and Social Sciences
library-hss@qmul.ac.uk

Medicine and Dentistry
library-smd@qmul.ac.uk

Science and Engineering
library-sande@qmul.ac.uk

www.library.qmul.ac.uk/subject-guides

The Teaching and Learning Support Team are committed to promoting the benefits of information literacy, and developing opportunities for all staff and students to engage with these skills.

Help with identifying information needs appropriate to different situations
Advise on the effective and timely use of the full range of our information resources
Managing and sharing the information you discover responsibly
Using information for evidence-based decision-making and creative thinking

Develop critical thinking and evaluate the reliability of different information sources
Public Services

Public Services staff are available to answer enquiries at the Welcome Desk, via telephone or email, and whilst roving around the library spaces.

Get in touch:

- Mile End: library@qmul.ac.uk
- 020 7882 7311
- Whitechapel: https://twitter.com/QMLibrary
- 020 7882 2561
- West Smithfield: https://www.facebook.com/QMLibrary
- 020 7882 8188

Repository and Research Information Team

The Repository and Research Information Team hold drop-ins, workshops and presentations. Or you can arrange a one-to-one appointment.

Get in touch:

- www.library.qmul.ac.uk/research
- scholarlycommunications@qmul.ac.uk

Archives & Special Collections

The Archives Reading Room and exhibition space is on the second floor of Mile End Library.

Get in touch:

- 020 7882 3873
- archives@qmul.ac.uk
- www.library.qmul.ac.uk/archives

- Archives & Special Collections hold a wealth of fascinating institutional records documenting the history of the university, personal paper collections of private individuals and former academic staff, as well as rare prints and the rare books collection.
- Maintain digitised records and online galleries.
- Support teaching and research by affording appropriate access to the collections.
- Put on regular exhibitions.
- Provide and promote appropriate external access to the collections.
Fame at last!
Our Teaching & Learning Support Manager, Martin Beeson, has become one of the faces of CILIP, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals!

Science & Engineering Drop-ins

The Library's Science & Engineering Teaching and Learning Team are dropping-in on different locations around Mile End Campus, starting at the end of January and finishing on Valentine's Day. This year, it will be themed around Valentine’s Day, and you will be asked to tell us why you like the Library (Valentine cards / love letters), or why you do not like the library (breaking up letters).

There is also a competition where the best-decorated card will win a prize. Come along to any of these locations to get involved. There will be lots of freebies and other surprises!

24/01/2019 Maths School Office (Queens' Building) 11:30 — 12:30
29/01/2019 Fogg Foyer 13:00 — 14:00
31/01/2019 ITL Foyer 12:00 — 13:00
04/02/2019 Priestly Foyer 11:30 — 12:30
05/02/2019 G.O.Jones Foyer 11:30 — 12:30
07/02/2019 Bancroft Foyer 11:30 — 12:30
11/02/2019 Engineering Foyer (Bancroft Road entrance) 12:00 — 13:00

The love letters/Valentine’s cards will be displayed on the ground floor of Mile End Library on Valentine’s Day. You can also come along to the Library on the day to add your contribution.

You are invited …
… to the Library Users Forum
Wednesday 6th February
12-1.30pm
Mile End Library Ground Floor Seminar Room

We’ll be discussing:

CTRL Our new Library Strategy ‘Libraries of Tomorrow – where would you like us to go?’
CTRL The forthcoming Library Infrastructure Project to improve our facilities in the Mile End Library
CTRL Our new Library Discovery system (coming soon in September 2019).

There will also be an opportunity to tell us what’s concerning you about Library Services right now.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

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