

QMUL

LIBRARY REPORT

Summer 2017

Extended opening hours at Whitechapel

In addition to our normal 24/7 opening at Mile End, this summer the Library is extending the opening hours at Whitechapel at weekends to better meet the needs of the students at this busy time of year. Until Sunday 16 July Whitechapel will be open seven days a week from 8:30 until midnight. 24/7 opening at Mile End will finish on Friday 9 June. See [page 4](#) for further details about summer opening hours.



Library Services Platform update

The procurement of the new Library Services Platform has now reached the stage where tenders have been evaluated and site visits are taking place to see how the systems are being used in practice within libraries. The shortlisted suppliers will then be giving demonstrations to the project team, Library staff and other key stakeholders. This will enable us to conduct a rigorous and inclusive evaluation of the products offered, to make sure we continue to provide the most effective and appropriate Library Services Platform for QMUL.

Leo Baeck Institute Library

Queen Mary Library and Archives has entered into an agreement with the Leo Baeck Institute (London) to house the Leo Baeck Institute (London) Library on long-term loan in the Mile End Library. The collection contains some 4,500 items comprising books, journals and other printed materials relating to German Jewish history, in particular early 20th Century works, and across a range of languages including German, English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Italian, Russian and Dutch.

Access to the collection will be overseen by Archives and Special Collections and a catalogue of the collection will be available shortly. In the meantime, enquiries regarding the collection should be forwarded to archives@qmul.ac.uk

LIBRARY NEWS

Pathways to Law at the Mile End Library

As part of a Pathways to Law QMUL Taster Day, a group of AS-level students from local schools visited the QMUL Mile End Library on Wednesday 10 May. The Pathways to Law initiative helps support students from non-privileged backgrounds who are interested in a career in the Law to achieve their goal.

The Library team aimed to give the students a taste of the type of Library resources, facilities and services available to university Law students, as well as some of the skills they would need to develop to succeed in their law studies and in careers in the law. The students received a tour of the Library's Law Collection, Teaching Collection and other facilities, followed by a Law focused Information Literacy Skills presentation. In feedback, the students reported that they found the Taster Day informative and useful.

The Library team wish the Pathways students well in their studies and hope to see them again soon, this time as QMUL Law Undergraduate students!



West Smithfield consultation

A consultation is currently taking place to explore some ideas for providing a sustainable service at West Smithfield Library that best meets the needs of those using the service. This follows recent issues with opening hours, along with low levels of use and occupancy. A number of focus groups have been held to learn more about the aspects of the current service which are most valued, how well library and information needs are being supported at West Smithfield, and other uses for the space that would be more valuable. Feedback from these will be reviewed over the next couple of months, with preferred options identified, and an implementation plan put into place later in the summer.

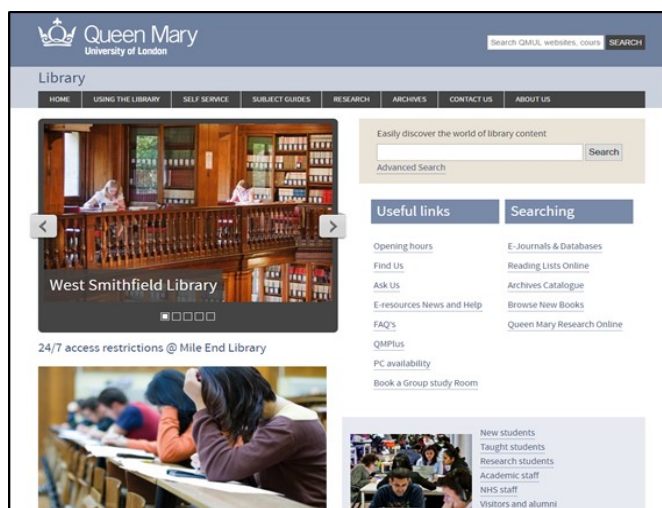
Improved publicity and communication

The Library is currently working on improving publicity and communication, both in print and online formats. The website is being enhanced to make it more visual and dynamic to better meet the needs of library users.

- Duplicate links are being removed
- Meaningful images are being added to enhance visual learning
- Content will be dynamic and current, for example showing opening hours for the current semester
- The format will be standardised across pages

New library guides are also being developed. The quick guide to the library will give a brief overview of who we are and what we do, where to find the libraries and opening times, including an overview of opening hours across the year. A new floorplans leaflet will also be available with brief descriptions of the collections and details of where to find resources for each subject. The leaflets will be available in print form in the Library and to download and print from the website.

If you have any feedback or suggestions please email library@qmul.ac.uk.



**Are you a medical or dental student or member of staff
who needs help ...**

Finding information for a project?

Searching databases?

Keeping track of references?

The SMD Library Liaison team run drop-in sessions on
Wednesday afternoons, 2-4pm

Teaching room 2, basement,

Whitechapel Library

Come along for advice from your Librarian

Smoking

Please don't smoke outside the Mile End Library entrance. Smoke blows into the building making it unpleasant for staff and students. Smokers should use the shelter in the north-west corner of Library Square, near Mucci's. The QMUL Smoking Policy can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/QMULsmoking>



The Library User Forum

LUF meets 3 times a year to monitor the quality and development of Queen Mary Library Service. If you have any comments or concerns about your Library please contact your departmental representatives, or visit us on [QMplus](#).

Use the [QMUL app](#) on your Android or Apple mobile to search the catalogue, renew and reserve books and to check your fines account. Download it now from your app store.

Summer Opening Hours

The libraries will operate reduced opening hours over the summer vacation period.
Please note that all libraries will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 28 August.

	Monday to Friday	Saturday and Sunday
Mile End		
10 - 11 June	—	08:00 - midnight
12 June - 15 September	08:00 - 19:30	CLOSED
16 & 17 September (Moving in weekend)	—	09:00 - 20:00
Whitechapel		
17 July - 27 August	08:30 - 20:00	CLOSED
West Smithfield		
17 July - 27 August	12:00 - 17:00	CLOSED

Term-time opening hours will resume at the Medical & Dental Libraries on 29 August and at Mile End on 18 September