

Finance revisited

No doubt you'll be aware of the ongoing challenges the Library faces with regard to the financial situation. We're continuing to look closely at database and journal usage and costs—where 'deals' and bundles allow.

We'd just like to thank academics for your help in spending up the last of this year's book budgets, provision of 'Top 20' journal lists to use with our benchmarking exercise, and understanding as we have to make tough decisions. We'll certainly be keeping you posted.



Ebrary changes

ebrary's world-renowned interface is now available in Arabic as well as English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Swedish. The company will be launching its interface in additional languages in the upcoming months to help its customers better serve their increasingly multicultural user base. For more information please visit http://www.ebrary.com/corp/newspdf/ebrary_Arabic.pdf

Other changes include no longer needing their 'Reader' view to get key functionality, 1,100 new books and DASH which can host your own PDF's if you would like students to view them within the Ebrary platform. Please get in touch with us if you'd like to use this latter service.

EndNote Web 2.10

We have now been using EndNote Web as a reference management package at Portsmouth for a number years. I am aware that some lecturers have, and may still be using, old versions of the guide to using EndNote Web, which has now reached Version 2.10. Anyone wanting an up-to-date copy of the guide can get one by emailing andy.barrow@port.ac.uk. A PDF of the latest version of the guide will be sent to you and you may then do with it what you will.

Weeding 2010

This year the Library plans to weed the final sections of the three year rotation.

This will involve General Engineering (i.e. Mechanical and Electrical but not Civil Engineering) in the Dewey ranges 620-623.999.

Physics and Chemistry—530-549.999 and Medicine—from 600-619.999 (including Health and Safety at 614.8. Also, up on the first floor, Property Development—333.

We will be circulating lists of books which have not been borrowed in the last ten year and let you know more about the procedure as the time comes.

SciTech Update hiatus

The editor would like to apologize for the non-appearance of *SciTech Update* in March and April (and the late appearance of this one). It's not that we've not been doing anything—we've just been a little overwhelmed to fit in reporting on it! Hopefully normal service will be resumed.

Sue

It's good to have Sue Stevenson back after a nasty fall which broke her leg in three places. She'll be in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings but working from home at other times. We wish her well in her ongoing recovery and have no doubt she'll be volunteering her skills at Fratton Park before the year's much older!

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TV programme checking

Previously the Library has checked through copies of the *Radio Times* to identify useful programming to record. With BOB making it possible to record programmes up to two weeks *after* they've been broadcast, this service is being withdrawn. If there are any programmes you would particularly like recorded to DVD rather than BOB, please let us know. If you want more information about the Box of Broadcast service, please see issue #16 or take a look at this guide:

<http://www.port.ac.uk/library/guides/filetodownload.106026.en.pdf>