

Medical Library

Guide to services

The Queen's University Medical Library provides a service to staff and students of the University. It is also the central library for Health and Social Care staff in Northern Ireland.

Location and contact details

The Medical Library is located in the Mulhouse Building within the grounds of the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Queen's University Medical Library	tel:	028 9063 2500 (Issue Desk)
NI Health & Social Services Library	fax:	028 9063 5038
Mulhouse Building	email:	Issue Desk med.issue@qub.ac.uk
BELFAST BT12 6DP		Info Desk med.info@qub.ac.uk
	web:	http://www.qub.ac.uk/lib

Access to the Royal Victoria Hospital site is via the Broadway or Grosvenor Road entrances. Car parking is available in the visitors' car park.

Opening Hours

Semesters:	Mon-Thur	8.30 am - 9.30 pm
	Fri	8.30 am - 6.30 pm
	Sat	9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Opening hours vary during the summer and at Christmas and Easter. Please contact the library for details.

Eligibility to use the Library

Library facilities are available to staff and students of the University, HSC staff, AFBI staff, Associate Members and SCONUL Access members.

Users with Disabilities

Additional assistance is available to users with disabilities. Leaflets about these facilities are available at the Issue Desk and can be provided in alternative formats on request. Car parking can be arranged in advance by contacting the Issue Desk.

Subject coverage and finding material

The Medical Library holds books and journals on medicine, dentistry, nursing & midwifery, social work, allied health and health administration & management.

The online catalogue, **QC**at, gives details and locations of stock, including print and electronic resources, held throughout the University Library. It can be accessed by using the terminals opposite the Issue Desk or on the web at: <http://library.qub.ac.uk/qcat>

Borrowing Books

Users must bring their staff, student or library membership card with them to the library, and if contacting the library by phone, must quote the barcode number on their card.

Most of the books in the library can be borrowed for either 4 or 12 weeks depending on the borrower category. All books are subject to recall at any time if requested by another user. Heavily used items are restricted to one week.

Use the **My Account** facility on QCat or Queens Online (<http://login.qol.qub.ac.uk/>) to check the due date of your loans, renew them, view your current reservations and inter-library loans, and view and pay charges. Check *My Account* regularly to avoid unnecessary fines.

Books on loan can be **reserved** by using the *Reserve* option on QCat.

Books (excluding day/overnight items) can be **renewed** up to five times if not required by another user. Books can be renewed in person, by phone or by using the *My Account* option on QCat or Queens Online.

Books should be returned to the Library by the date due. Unfortunately the Medical Library is unable to provide an out of hours returns facility.

Fines are levied if books are not returned on time. Users with fines outstanding will not be able to borrow until the fines are paid.

Study and Computer Facilities

Study spaces, including group study rooms are provided in the library. Enquiries about booking the group study rooms should be made at the Issue Desk.

A Student Computing Centre (SCC) is located opposite the Issue Desk. Laptops are available to borrow (for use in the Library only), though wireless networking is available for staff and students who want to use their own laptop.

Other services

Online Resources: A wide range of online information services providing access to electronic journals, subject databases, RefWorks, web search engines etc can be accessed from the library or from any internet PC.

Further details are available from the web at:

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/lib/OnlineResources>

Inter- Library Loans: Material not held within Queen's may be obtained via the ILL service. For further details, check the Library home page or enquire at the Issue Desk.

Photocopying: Self-service photocopiers are provided in the Medical Library. Payment is by Smart (QUB staff/student) Card. Visitors may purchase photocopying tickets in the Library.

Copying of library material must be within the terms of copyright legislation and licensing.

Subject Librarians: A Subject Librarian is a member of library staff with specific responsibility for supporting University staff and students in finding information and in using the various resources for particular subjects. The subjects covered by the Medical Library include Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing and Midwifery. Please contact the Medical Library Issue Desk (tel: 028 9063 2500, email: med.issue@qub.ac.uk) and ask to be put in touch with your Subject Librarian, or check the library website for contact details.