

Biomedical Library at Queen's

Guide to services

Introduction

The Biomedical Library at Queen's serves University students and staff on the Lisburn Road site. It also provides a service to Health and Social Care staff in Belfast City Hospital. The Biomedical Library at Queen's is a branch of the Medical Library at Queen's, which is situated in the Mulhouse Building at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Location

The Biomedical Library at Queen's is located beside reception on the ground floor of the Medical Biology Centre.

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

Car parking is available in the visitors' car park on the Belfast City Hospital site.

Opening Hours

Monday – Thursday	8.30 am – 9.30 pm	Summer: Monday – Friday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm
Friday	8.30 am – 8.30 pm	Saturday	9.00 am – 12.30 pm
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Hours vary at Christmas and Easter - please contact the library for details.

Help and Advice

Users requiring information about the services available in the Biomedical Library at Queen's should contact staff at the Issue Desk.

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.

Contents of the Library

The Biomedical Library at Queen's stock includes: books and journals on pharmacy, preclinical sciences, medicine, healthcare, nursing & midwifery; reference books.

Locating Material

The online catalogue, QCat, gives details and locations of stock, including print and electronic journals, held throughout the University Library. It can be accessed by using the terminals in the library, or from the web at: <http://library.qub.ac.uk/qcat>

Borrowing Books

Most of the books in the library can be borrowed for four weeks. All books are subject to recall at any time if requested by another user. Fines are levied if books are not returned or renewed on time. Heavily used items are restricted to either the one week or short loan collections.

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.

Use the **My Account** facility on QCat or Queens Online (<https://login.qol.qub.ac.uk/>) to check the due dates 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, or by completing a book request form at the Issue Desk.

Books 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. If the library is closed there is a Book Returns Box at the library door.

Self Service Machine

Users can borrow, renew and return library material themselves, using the Self Service Machine.

Photocopying

Two self-service photocopiers are provided in the Biomedical Library at Queen's.

Students must purchase credit for their student card before using the photocopiers. There is a cash upload machine in the library.

Staff and research students can copy library material using the *Smart* card system and can, if necessary, request articles to be photocopied for them. The cost of this service will be charged to the school project code.

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

Inter-Library Loans (ILL)

The Biomedical Library at Queen's can apply to the British Library and other libraries for items not held in the QUB library system. Staff and research students can request material using online forms. Taught postgraduates and undergraduates must apply to their school for permission to use this service.

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>

Computer facilities

- Wireless networking is available in the main study area of the library.
- Students may borrow a laptop for use in the library for a 2 hour loan period. Ask at the Issue Desk.
- A 90 seat Student Computer Centre is situated to the rear of the library, accessible through the Anatomy Wing.