Visitor Guide to The Sir Duncan Rice Library

How to reach us
Maps and Transport
www.abdn.ac.uk/maps/old-aberdeen.php
Situated in Old Aberdeen
First bus routes 19, 20
Parking is on street, and metered
Free after 4pm and at weekends

Opening Hours
Term-time
The Sir Duncan Rice Library
8am-midnight (Mondays to Thursdays)
8am-8pm (Fridays)
9am-10pm (Saturdays)
11am-midnight (Sundays)

Special Collections Centre
9:30am-4:30pm weekdays
Thursday until 7:30pm

For vacation opening hours, and the latest changes to opening hours, visit our website at http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/get-started/opening-hours/

Contact us
The Sir Duncan Rice Library
t: 01224 273330
e: library@abdn.ac.uk

Special Collections Centre
t: 01224 272598
e: speclib@abdn.ac.uk

University of Aberdeen,
Bedford Road, ABERDEEN, AB24 3AA

Floor 7: Meeting Rooms 1 to 3
Break Out Room
Group Study Room
Flexible Learning Area

Floor 6: Co-Labs, TRC, Silent Study Room

Floor 5-6: Co-Labs, Silent Study Rooms

Floor 2: PC
Classrooms
Seminar Room

Floor 1: Heavy Demand
Microform
Multimedia
Music Resource and Silent Study Rooms

Ground Floor: Returns Room
Short-Stay PC Area
Print Shop

LG: Special Collections
Reading Room
Friends’ Room
Learning Room
Listening Room
Microfilm Room and Seminar Room

LG: Special Collections and Conservation Centres

Ground Floor: Welcome Desk
Cafe, Gallery
Events Area
Shop
Public Information PC

Floor 1:
Information Centre

Floor 2:
PC Classrooms
Seminar Room

Floor 3:
Journals

Floor 4:
900 History

Floor 5:
400-600 Literature, Arts

Floor 6:
300 Social Sciences

Floor 7:
000-200 Computing, Humanities

Psychology

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Visiting the Library

The Sir Duncan Rice Library welcomes members of the public as well as University students and staff.

The Ground Floor is open to all visitors, and includes the:

- **Hardback Café**
  for drinks, sandwiches and snacks
- **Gallery**
  with regular exhibitions of items from our Collections
- **Events Area**
  a space for educational and other events organised by the Library
- **Print Shop**
  for printing and binding services, and the sale of stationery and copies of images from our Collections
- **Welcome Desk**
  for visitor passes and general information

**To visit other floors**
On arrival, ask at the Welcome Desk for a Visitor Pass to view the building. Please bring proof of ID.

Using the Library

**To access books and more**
Ask at the Welcome Desk for an Access Pass to browse modern collections of over 400,000 books on Arts & Humanities, Sciences, and Social Sciences (Floors 1-7).

The Wolfson Reading Room in the Special Collections Centre (Lower Ground) houses the University’s collection of rare books, manuscripts and archives, as well as a wealth of resources for local and family historians.

Access Passes can be issued for up to 3 months. Please bring photographic proof of ID.

**To access e-resources**
Ask at the Information Centre on Floor 1 to register for the Walk-In-User Service for online access to millions of academic journal articles and over 100,000 e-books. Please bring proof of address and photographic ID.

**To borrow books and more**
Library membership allows you to borrow up to 10 items from the modern collections. Register at the Information Centre on Floor 1. Various membership rates apply:

- Annual membership £40 (£20 for AU graduates), + £20 refundable deposit
- Life membership: join the Friends of the Library from £150
- Corporate and local schools memberships also available. Ask for details

Please bring proof of address and photographic ID.

**Tours**
Call or email to arrange a guided tour for your group or organisation.

**Contact**

t. 01224 273385 or 01224 273079

e: adminroombookings@abdn.ac.uk

For general visitor information

www.abdn.ac.uk/library/get-started/visiting-us/

Find events and exhibition details at

www.abdn.ac.uk/library/news-events/events/

About the building

**Architects**

schmidt hammer lassen http://shl.dk/

**Design concept**

To provide “a meeting place and a cultural centre for the University and the wider Aberdeen community”.

**Awards**

- Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) award, 2013
- Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) award, 2013
- Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM), rated Excellent, 2009

**Facts & Figures**

- Over 1,200 study spaces
- 22,000 tonnes of concrete
- 2,200 tonnes of steel
- 760 glass panels
- 4,700 lights
- 24 kilometres of shelving