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

The opening hours of LSC&M libraries are different and may change. For latest information on opening hours for each of our libraries please check www.abdn.ac.uk/library/get-started/opening-hours/.

Contact us
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t: 01224 273330
e: library@abdn.ac.uk

Special Collections Centre
t: 01224 272598
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University of Aberdeen,
Bedford Road, ABERDEEN, AB24 3AA

www.abdn.ac.uk/library
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. To apply for a long term access pass go to [https://aulib.abdn.ac.uk/F?func=borrow-new](https://aulib.abdn.ac.uk/F?func=borrow-new). 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 from dedicated PCs within the Library to a selection of e-resources including millions of academic journal articles and over 300,000 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), + £30 refundable deposit.
- Life membership: join the Friends of the Library from £10 per year or £150 for life.
- 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. Please note that tours may not be available during busy periods when they might cause disruption for students, particularly during exam times.

Contact
t. 01224 273385 or 01224 273079
e: librarytours@abdn.ac.uk
For general visitor information
[www.abdn.ac.uk/library/get-started/visiting-us/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/get-started/visiting-us/)

Find events and exhibition details at
[www.abdn.ac.uk/library/news-events/events/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/news-events/events/)

About the building

Architects
schmidt hammer lassen  [http://shl.dk/](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

www.abdn.ac.uk/library/support/guides