Script for Library Tour – Ground Floor

TSDRL Ground Floor
This is the access point for our collections. Your University of Aberdeen ID card is also your library card - this allows you through the security gates. In line with the current Scottish government policy, the library is now operating within University of Aberdeen guidelines. It may be necessary to queue at busy times. The public are welcome to visit at any time.

Special Collections and the Seminar room are on the lower ground floor. The Modern Collections are across floors 1-7. Both collections are accessed by lift or stairs. Lifts and stairs are on the north side of the building, ahead of the security gates. Stairs are also on the south side of the building but are restricted to staff only access on the ground floor. In the event of an evacuation however, the exit routes are both north and south stairwells. Staff will direct users in both directions to avoid bottlenecks.

The Welcome Desk
Staffed during opening hours (please see the Library website for more information) for general enquiries and assistance. The large screen above the Welcome desk shows in graphic and text format the occupancy level of the library in compliance with current government guidance for Health and Safety during the Coronavirus pandemic. The desk is fitted with a protective screen and has a microphone sound system installed to ease safety and communication.

Toilets
All are unisex and are located throughout the building on the north side next to the lifts. An accessible toilet is available on both the north and south side of the building across all floors. A baby changing facility is located on the north side accessible toilet on the ground floor. An enhanced cleaning regime is in effect throughout the building.

Returns Room
The Returns Room is in the north-east corner of the ground floor. Items can be returned here during TSDRL opening hours without an ID card. An external item drop is also available which does require an ID card to operate. Students themselves developed the idea of a 24/7 facility when the building was being planned, to reduce incurring fines on late items.

Self-issue machine
This can be found on the welcome desk before you exit through the gates. You can check out books here before leaving the building if you haven’t done so already.