Library Services

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University investment in the library service

- Over 500 years of collecting
- £57 million library opened in Sept 2011
  - Sir Duncan Rice Library (TSDRL)
- Ongoing spend of >£3 million on library materials in 2019/20

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As of 17 Aug 2019
Why use the Library?

• You won’t Google yourself to a good qualification!
• Support your studies
• Different learning needs
• Electronic and print materials
• Transferable skills
• Knowledgeable and professional staff for help and support
More than one building...

- **The Sir Duncan Rice Library (TSDRL, Bedford Road)**
  - Main library - most subjects except Law and Medicine

- **Taylor Library (Taylor Building, Dunbar Street)**
  - Law, UK Official Publications, OECD and UN publications, European Documentation Centre (EDC)

- **Medical Library (Polwarth Building, Foresterhill Campus)**
  - Medicine, Dentistry, Medical Sciences
TSDRL term-time hours

Mon–Thu: 08.00 - 00.00
Friday: 08.00 - 22.00
Saturday: 09.00 - 22.00
Sunday: 11.00 - 00.00

- 24-hour opening at revision and exam periods.
- Vacation hours vary e.g. Christmas, Easter, summer.
- Taylor (Law) Library and Medical Library have different opening hours

See https://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/using-libraries/opening-hours-83.php
Primo – our portal to information

Use Primo to:

• Search for items on a reading list
• Search for books and journals on a topic
• Recall books that are out on loan
• Renew loans before they are overdue
• Access academic databases
Log in using your computer username and password – gives you access to more services
Borrowing print (paper) materials

• **Register for a PIN**
  • Use the link in the email that will be sent to you by the Library (Header – Library self-service information for students)
  • OR speak with us in person – Floor 1 or any of the staffed subject floors (floors 4-6), or Taylor Library

• **Can borrow multiple items**
  • Undergraduate & Taught Postgraduate student: 20

• **Different loan periods**
  • Heavy Demand (overnight)
  • 3-day loan: yellow band on spine
  • 4-week loan: white band on spine
  • Long loan

• **This Library:** return borrowed items on the Ground Floor (info on tour)
More than just a building

- Virtual (electronic) library
  - >800,000 electronic books (e-books),
  - >30,500 electronic journals (e-journals)
  - Hundreds of databases
- Access on and off campus
  - Computer username and password required

Heavily used: One full-text item downloaded approximately every 14.75 seconds!
Finding reliable/academic information

• There is no one perfect place to go for all the academic/scholarly information that you will ever need

• Build up your skills in using the most appropriate tools for the information you need
  • Primo
  • Databases, e.g. Scopus, Web of Science, JSTOR, OnePetro, Westlaw, Lexis
  • Search engines, e.g. Google

• If there are workshops timetabled in your programme – it is to your advantage to attend!
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• Downloaded material
  • Is for your personal use, not for sharing
  • If you share – non-compliance with terms/conditions of our licence, reduces our usage stats (and may lead to cancellation of subscriptions due to low use)

• Copyright law applies to print and online materials
  • Print, copy or scan one chapter of a book
    • Some publishers of electronic books will allow more than this

• Access to material of a pornographic, criminal or offensive nature including material promoting terrorism is not permitted and the University's web filters will operate to block this. If you need to work with any terrorist-related material that is essential to support your intellectual research or study you must clear this use in advance with your supervisor

• Library Regulations available at www.abdn.ac.uk/library/using-libraries/library-regulations-65.php
Library – Guidance and Help

• Library workshops and tours
  • If timetabled in your course – please attend
  • Optional Tours – weekdays (Wed 4 Sep – Fri 20 Sep) 10 am and 2 pm
  • Optional lunchtime workshops later in the term (Find it Fast!)

• In person
  • TSDRL: Subject staff on floors 4-6, Information Centre staff on Floor 1
  • Taylor & Medical Libraries – front desk

• Remotely
  • Lots of Library Guides, web pages and instructional materials
    • Email: library@abdn.ac.uk

Just ask for help if you need it…
Getting started – library tours

If you didn’t manage to attend a Welcome Week IT/Library session there are other tour opportunities

• **TSDRL: Turn up and tour (no booking)**
  • Daily, weekdays - 10.00 and 14.00
  • Start: Wednesday 4 September
  • End: Friday 20 September
  • Meet on the ground floor of the Library at the Welcome Desk
  • Tailored to the attendees - practical information

• **Taylor Library: Allocated time slot**
  • For Law students
  • Check information sent from the School
An Aberdeen attraction...

**University of Aberdeen Library**

113 Reviews  #24 of 127 things to do in Aberdeen

Bedford Road, Aberdeen AB24 3AA, Scotland

**Review Highlights**

*Ultra Modern Building*

As part of a tour of the University & Old Aberdeen we came across this new building & were... [read more]

Reviewed 7 July 2019

Moyra K., Glasgow, United Kingdom

*Great view*

Stunning architecture and fabulous view from top. No problems accessing. Friendly staff. Worth a... [read more]

Reviewed 21 June 2019

Patireland07

Read all 113 reviews

All photos (31)
an ugly glass box

Eyesore

Amazing building

Bold, Modern Design
At first I wasn't thrilled by the modern glass design as it seemed completely out of place surrounded by old buildings. However, it did grow on me and the interior is stunning.

Stunning building, but it's the staff that make it

Breathtaking architectural design and a great library
Make your own decision...
Useful links

- **Opening times**  
  www.abdn.ac.uk/library/using-libraries/opening-hours-83.php#panel136

- **Library guides (all)**  

- **Library guides (referencing)**  
  www.abdn.ac.uk/library/support/library-guides-101.php#R

- **Accessing e-resources**  
  www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documentsguides/qg dbs005.pdf

- **Remote access**  
  www.abdn.ac.uk/toolkit/systems/remote-access/

- **Materials from Library workshops**  
  http://finditfastlibraryworkshops.pbworks.com
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