

# **Step into the Library**

#### it's bigger on the inside

The Library has some amazing spaces and resources for Bath Spa University students.

I'd like to invite you to explore these in person at Newton Park or from the comfort of your home. Our digital library is available 24/7 and you can chat to us online too.

This brochure is designed to give you a brief overview of our services and to highlight what's new in the Library and Learning Services.

Our friendly staff are here to help - just ask.

Welcome to your Library

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## WITH

### A WARM WELCOME

#### ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

You will find the University Library at Newton Park but you can access the digital library from anywhere in the world. Your key to the digital library is your Bath Spa University username and password.





Open 8am to 10pm seven days a week in term-time





The University has been at Newton Park since 1948 and we are proud to say there has always been a Library. It has moved around over the years, from the Castle to Corston building and to its current location at the heart of Newton Park Campus.





### Library: your way, your say

During the national lockdown we took the opportunity to make some of the changes you have suggested.

#### A few of these include:

- Creating a wider variety of study spaces.
- Investing in some new furniture (including bookable study booths) and reupholstering seats.
- Installing a 'Filling Station' to enable you to make your own hot drinks.
- Providing longer opening hours at the weekends.
- Displaying artwork by students in the Library.

We are always listening to your views so please pop in and let us know how it works for you.

## WITH MORE THAN BOOKS

You will see more than 150,000 books on the shelves but there is a lot more in our collections than meets the eye. You will find most of the resources you need in our digital collections. These include databases, ebooks, online journals and images and films.

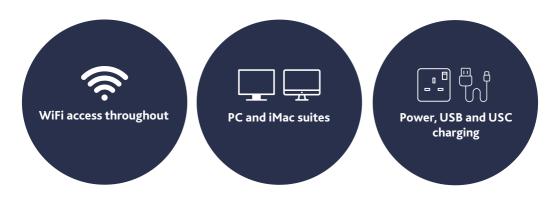






There are over 300 study seats in the Newton Park Library both bookable and walk-in. Most seats have tables and access to power. If you are looking for a comfortable place to read or just some quiet reflection time, the walk-in spaces include some more informal seating (armchairs, sofas and pods).

#### Some of our features include:







Alongside browsing and borrowing at Newton Park, the Library offers a Click and Collect service for all Bath Spa University students and staff. Books can be ordered for collection at Newton Park Library, Locksbrook, Sion Hill and Corsham Court.

You can request a scan of one chapter (or 5%) of a book or one article per issue of a journal from the University Library's collections for private study using our Scan and Send service. Scan and Send will enable you to access material from library print resources without the need to travel to campus.





- **?** What's your favourite part about working for the Library?
- "I wanted a part-time job that would balance well with my studies and I really love books and spent most of my time in the Library, anyway, so it seemed a natural fit."

Julia Dielmann, BSc (Hons) Psychology and BA (Hons)
Creative Writing student

"The people! Everyone here is so kind and good natured. I feel lucky to have made good friends whilst on shift here."

Miles Grist, BA (Hons) Creative Writing student.

To find out more about these opportunities for paid work please email library@bathspa.ac.uk

### **AN INTERVIEW**

WITH A STUDENT LIBRARY SUPPORT ASSISTANT



- 66 Annabel Lee
- **?** What's your favourite book?
- Moonflower Murder by Anthony Horowitz
- **?** What do you study here at Bath Spa University?
- BA (Hons) History
- **?** What year are you currently in?
- Third year
- **?** What's your favourite part of the Library?
- The Book Hall because it has a lovely calming atmosphere which is perfect for studying, as well as a wide variety of books to choose from.

- What study space would you recommend for a quiet, comfortable study session with a good view?
- The Library Loft is a great quiet place for studying, and it has sectioned desks which are brilliant for focused study sessions. The study seats towards the back of the Book Hall are perfect if you are looking for a quiet study seat with a view.
- **?** What's your favourite thing about working for the Library?
- I don't think I could pick just one thing as I like it all, from picking and processing book reservations, to the training and support we receive from the library team, it is a really enjoyable job to have!
- **?** What persuaded you to apply for this role?
- I have always enjoyed reading, so working in an environment around books has always been something which has interested me.
- Would you recommend this role to others?
- Yes definitely. This role has given me a lot more confidence in terms of customer service, and I really enjoy working with everyone in the Library team.
- Which part of the Library's facilities is your favourite?
- I really like the Click and Collect service which the Library offers. It has been extremely useful for me to be able to quickly collect books that I need for assignments.







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