

4. Activity: Using your university library

Find your university library. If you find it an intimidating place hopefully this activity will take you through the library in a useful way so that you start using as much of it as possible, as soon as possible – and it will not be intimidating any more.

For each activity, tick the box when you have completed it, and write in details where indicated.

Books

Find the part of the library that houses the books for your subject.

- My books are
- Write in the Dewey decimal number (the numbers on the spine of the book) for your subject.....

Journals

When studying it is important to read the relevant journals for your subject.

- Where are your journals kept?

Write in the title of two journals that you could be reading:

- Journal One.....
- Journal Two.....

Newspapers

With most subjects it is also important to read the 'quality' press.

- Where are the newspapers kept?.....

Counter Loans Area (CLA)

The CLA holds the most important texts for each subject – find it.

- My CLA is





Study Areas



What facilities are there for independent study in your library?

- My library offers quiet Study Areas?.....
- My library offers group Study Areas?.....

Workshops



Some libraries contain student help workshops – does yours?

- My library does/does not have workshops.
- They are located
- Opening times are

Now that you have had a quick introduction to the library, list three things that you like about it:

- 1
- 2
- 3

What would you tell someone else about the library?

- 1
- 2



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