Welcome to the Library

Much is different this year but our aim remains the same: to provide the best library service we can for members of College. Although the Covid-19 situation has imposed certain restrictions on us our commitment remains the same.

- The library will be open 24/7 (except for 1 hour twice a day for cleaning) but with a reduced number of reader places due to social distancing (a booking system will be in place)
- Books may be borrowed, many for the entire term, and may be renewed
- A click and collect service will be in place
- Books may be suggested for purchase if we do not already have them
- Electronic resources will be available to you in the library and in your room
- Staff will be on hand to assist either in person or via email.

In all areas of the library courtesy towards staff and students is expected.

The Libraries

The Del Favero Reading Room, History Library, Smith Reading Room and the Stallybrass Library constitute the Brasenose College Libraries. They are often referred to collectively as “The Library”.

Del Favero Reading Room – modern languages, English language and literature, politics, ancient history, classics, economics, management, theology and general reference items such as dictionaries.

History – history and politics (access is via the Del Favero Reading Room)

Smith Reading Room – physics, chemistry, maths and computing, engineering, geography, biological sciences (including medicine), music and art.
Stally – law

In addition there are books which are not on open access but are available for loan. These are located in the College stacks or the Reserve collection. (Please ask a member of staff should you require one of these books.)

The library is usually staffed between 9 am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, most weeks of the year and Staff may be found in any one of the following areas: Del Favero Reading Room, library office (off the History library), Muniment Room, Smith Reading Room.

Using the library

A series of student videos will be available shortly before the start of term. These should help you get a feel for the library and find out where things are and how it operates. Please watch them!

Online resources

The following can be accessed from the library. (Remember to use your SSO (single sign-on) to gain full access.)

SOLO: Search Oxford Libraries Online – library catalogue

SOLO LibGuide - using the catalogue

Electronic journals via SOLO

E-Books

All e-resources - general link

Naxos Spoken Word Library
BNC has a subscription to the Naxos Spoken Word Library. Access to this fabulous resource is open to all students and staff for study purposes. The resource contains English and German titles in: literature, classic fiction, plays, poetry, sacred texts, philosophy, great epics, history and language.

http://www.naxosspokenwordlibrary.com/

To use the service you need to sign up in the library.

Collaborative Study Room

This room at the Chapel end of the Smith reading Room is a flexible space that contains a giant iBoard Tablet, white board, foldup tables, and chairs. This coming term it should remain in its current layout and social distancing must be observed as in other areas of the library. Spaces may be booked using the reader places booking system. Quiet discussion is allowed here.
Training/user education

The Bodleian libraries run user education sessions throughout the year aimed at staff and students.

iSkills - weekly sessions [http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/workshops](http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/workshops). iSkills is a programme of classes designed to help you to make effective use of electronic and other library resources in your research and learning. These sessions will be run as online training courses during Michaelmas.

Ask a librarian – BNC and Bodleian library staff all like to help so please ask! You might want to find out how to find and use an ebook or simply want to ask where the printer or photocopier is. There are a number of ways you will be able to do this depending on what it is that you want to know. For example it might be via an on screen chat from within SOLO, an email, face to (socially distanced) face or by phone. If the person you ask does not know the answer they will happily pass on your enquiry to someone who can help, or point you towards the appropriate training session or video or other online instruction.

College library community

- [Join us on Facebook](http://www.facebook.com)
- [Follow us on Twitter](http://www.twitter.com)
- Check out our recent purchases via LibraryThing [http://www.librarything.com/catalog/BNCLibrary](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/BNCLibrary)
- Read the library and archives blog [http://brasenosecollegelibrary.wordpress.com/2011/08/16/10](http://brasenosecollegelibrary.wordpress.com/2011/08/16/10)
- Suggest books for purchase
- Talk to your student library rep. College library reps attend termly meetings with library staff

Archives

The College Archivist, Georgina Edwards, and Assistant Archivist, Helen Sumping, share with the library staff the Muniment Room office, which is just a few steps away from the library photocopier. The Brasenose Archives are the official administrative records of the College and a rich historical resource of College life and its members since foundation in 1509. [https://bnc.ox.ac.uk/about-brasenose/history](https://bnc.ox.ac.uk/about-brasenose/history)

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We look forward to meeting you and wish you a happy and rewarding experience at Brasenose.