

10 good reasons to use the Department of Zoology's Balfour Library!

1. Access at evenings and weekends

Via your pre-validated University Card.

2. Access to online library catalogues

Search for printed and electronic resources throughout the university, and renew your books on loan from any library in the university, online via the *iDiscover* catalogue <http://www.idiscover.cam.ac.uk>

3. Great facilities

PCs, photocopier with scanning and printing facilities, A3 size scanner, network points and power for laptops. Wireless network (UniOfCam) available in the library and throughout the Department.

4. Friendly and knowledgeable staff

A full time Senior Library Assistant to answer questions and help you use the library.

5. Amazing Special Collections

You are welcome to consult any of the 8,700+ volumes dating from the 15th century, covering many scientific disciplines, including a copy of the 1st ed. of Charles Darwin's *On the origin of species*! See the regular display cabinet in the Library for examples of these books. In addition, we have collections of 60,000+ offprints dating from the 19th and 20th centuries, and 500+ theses written by former PhD and Masters students in the Department. We will probably have the article or thesis you need somewhere, and we can definitely direct you to it if not!

6. Book borrowing and purchasing

You can borrow lots of books and recommend for purchase other books you need for your research. Of course, we also purchase undergraduate recommended textbooks, which may also be of use to you, for your own research or supervision purposes (some of which are also available as e-books at <http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/ebookscam>).

7. Internet access for your research

Use search engines such as Google Scholar and access electronic journals and citation databases (e.g. PubMed, Web of Science and Scopus) to find scientific literature via eresources@cambridge at <https://www.libraries.cam.ac.uk/eresources>

8. Lovely studying environment

The historic 1930s main reading room with its domed ceiling offers a pleasant place to study, with 62 study places available. A nice, quiet space you can escape to from the lab or office.

9. Inter-Library loans

In the event that the book or journal article you need is not held in the university we can quickly request a copy for you from the British Library, for a subsidised fee.

10. Informative website

Please visit the Balfour Library website for more detailed information on library facilities and services at <https://www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/about-us/library>

We look forward to seeing you in the Balfour Library soon!