

Boldrewood Update

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FAQs – about the Library.....

When is the library moving to Hartley, and will this happen in one move, or gradually?

- The current plan is to move the library during the summer of 2009, with the majority of the library's resources moving to the Hartley Library on Highfield, and selected resources to the SGH and to NOCS.

If the library is moving to Hartley, what are the university going to do with regards to studying space/computers?

- There is a project to provide 74 study spaces at Hartley library and two group study rooms. These study spaces will be serviced, which means that users will have access to a power supply for lap tops. This is due for completion in summer 2008 in preparation for the Boldrewood decant.
- The Library is looking at ways to create space at Hartley library through increased purchasing of electronic books and journals which will free up additional study space in the longer term. Subject to copyright, some existing print materials will also be digitised in-house to save space.

Will there be a book delivery service to Boldrewood?

- No - library users will be able to collect holds and inter-library loan requests from the remaining library branches such as Hartley and the Health Services Library.

Can we keep some library study space at Boldrewood?

- Yes - it is planned to provide study space at Boldrewood following the library decant to Hartley. The location of this study space will be confirmed ahead of the Library move.

Will there still be computer terminals in Boldrewood after the library leaves?

- Yes - the Public workstations located on Level 1 will remain, but may be located in one room only, depending on levels of utilisation.

Where will our books and Journals be in the Hartley library? Will they be in one place or scatted all over the Hartley Library?

- The journals will be relocated onto Level 1 and most books will be moved to Level 3 of the Hartley Library. At Boldrewood, all of the journals form part of a single subject collection. At Hartley, they will join collections that cover many other subject areas.
- The journals, when they arrive at Level 1, will be incorporated into two general sections. Q for Science and W for Medicine.
- The catalogue (Webcat) www-lib.soton.ac.uk will indicate where (i.e. Q or W) a journal title can be found.
- Books will be interfiled with existing stock and so for example, the QT stock (physiology) will join the existing QT material at Hartley. This means that users will be presented with a wider choice of book material co-located with existing stock in the Hartley Library.



Will there be a library in the new building?

- No. All main library facilities will operate out of the Hartley Library.

Can we be given orientation tours for the Hartley library? Even as final year students?

- Yes - students without programmed orientation tours at Hartley can contact the library through the usual contact routes to arrange orientation sessions. Contact details are on the web at www.soton.ac.uk/library/subjects/mhls.html

Will the reserve collection be relocated to Hartley Library in 2009 or can the reserve collection stay at Boldrewood until after the School moves in 2010?

- The reserve collection will move to Hartley in 2009 because the rest of the collection is moving at the same time. Material moves in and out of the reserve collection during the academic year and there is a close relationship between reserve items and the material on open shelves. Very often there are copies of a particular item in reserve and also on open shelves as 1 week and 3 week loans.

- In order to maintain the ability to walk to open shelves to obtain other copies of reading list material with differing loan periods and to continue to provide a fully staffed library service to users, we will move all of the collections together in 2009.

- We are looking at ways to create more electronic content to make access more convenient through a gradual process of content digitisation and e-book purchase.