HOW CAMBRIDGE LIBRARIES CAN SUPPORT YOU
ABOUT CAMBRIDGE LIBRARIES

Three different ‘types’ of college library:

your college library – often described as your ‘home’ library
faculty and departmental libraries for your subject and related subjects
the University Library (or the UL)

Although we are different, and have different strengths, all libraries work together in support of students.
THREE MESSAGES FROM THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY

We’re here to support you, in any way we can, throughout your entire time in Cambridge.

We have lots of experience in supporting students, so we tend to know what we’re doing.

Library staff are real human beings, and you can feel comfortable talking to us about your concerns.
RESOURCES

• You now have access to the most incredible, world-class libraries and resources
• A significant proportion of these resources are available online, and can be accessed remotely wherever you are in the world
• Some courses will have the exact resources you need available to you via Moodle
One of the most important resources you now have access to are professional and skilled library staff, in college libraries, faculties and departments, and in the UL.

All library staff can help you and guide you in accessing resources in a way that suits you.

We’re also available remotely – via email, social media, or at the end of the phone.
You now have access to a huge number of varied library spaces, places to study or find resources. Whether you prefer to study in complete silence, in a noisier space, or somewhere in between, you’ll find a space that suits you completely. The Assistive Technologies Room at the UL has height-adjustable desks and magnification software. SpaceFinder can match your needs and preferences to the right space. And, of course, everyone has access to their own college library.
SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF SUPPORT WE OFFER

• Using iDiscover, the library catalogue
• Fetching books for you
• Extended library loan periods where appropriate – usually if recommended by the DRC
• Proxy borrowing where recommended by the DRC
• Finding accessible copies of resources where available
MORE EXAMPLES OF THINGS WE DO

• Study skills support – from finding and using resources to time management. We organise sessions but you can also request 1-2-1 support
• Guidance with interpreting your reading lists, helping you work out where to start, and which resources are online
• Pastoral support – refreshments at stressful times, free cake, study buddies, craft days
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

• Ask us any specific questions after the session, or email Jenna at jl971@cam.ac.uk
• Nearer to term, you’ll be invited on library inductions and tours of your college library, your faculty or departmental library, and the UL
• Have a look at our websites and social media to see what we’re up to
• Have a look at SpaceFinder, and see what’s available to you
AND FINALLY, JUST REMEMBER

• It’s our job to help and support you, in any way we can, throughout your entire degree
• We’re quite good at it (if we do say so ourselves)
• And we’re also quite normal too

Any questions? Ask us now, or catch us afterwards.